

flesh full of grace and truth

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Elon College, North Carolina
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January 4, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Introit

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Creator and Lord, we come before you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have preferred our way to Christ's way; we have disobeyed your commandments; and we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made. Forgive us, restore in us the knowledge of who we are, and make us alive to serve you in faith, obedience, and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

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God of love and life, hear our prayers. You have gathered us in your church to touch this world with the good news that somebody cares, that things can change, that this world can be loved toward wholeness.

Response: We are your church, called by your name.

We praise you that each of us is cherished by you, that we can be freed from our fears, that we can become what we were meant to be, that our gifts can be liberated, that we can find relationship with others.

Response: We are your church, called to cherish.

We thank you that you dare us to change--to change our direction, to change our values, to change our very lives.

Response: We are your church, called to turn around.

We rejoice in this your family which retells stories of faith and searching, which celebrates life together. We rejoice in each birth, each hope-filled beginning, in each incredible new day, in the amazing communion of relationships, in the special closeness of family and friends, in the "amen" of lives well-lived.

Response: We are your church, a family of your household.

We celebrate the work you give us to do: righting injustice, waging peace, alleviating pain, awakening to and responding to humanity's suffering. We celebrate the mercies granted, the tears wiped away, the hands held, the children treasured and nurtured, the horizons widened, the faith exercised into faithfulness.

Response: We are your church, called to serve.

We believe your promise of tomorrow's struggles and singing and hope. For you work miracles in common clay pots, you change caterpillars to butterflies and water to wine, seeds to oak trees and night to day. You change winter to springtime and lives from the ordinary to the abundant.

Response: We are your church, living in hope. Amen.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ngregational Response — Doxology (515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Luke 19:1-10

Meditation "New Persons in Christ" Dr. Irvi

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy

*Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland in memory of their son, Mr. Andrew N. McLelland.

THE MIDDLE HIGH Youth Group will meet at 4:00 p.m. for "Human Variety II". THE SENIOR HIGH Youth Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. to continue "A Matter of Life and Death". We will also be picking a time for a planning meeting for a lock-in.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

ster: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Lord is served.

le: There are different ways of serving, but the
same Lord is served.

ster: There are different abilities to perform service,
but the same God gives ability to each of us for
our particular service.

le: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in
each person for the good of all.

ster: Christ is like a single body which has many parts.

le: It is still one body even though it is made up of
different parts.

ster: If one part of the body suffers, all the other
parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all
the other parts share its happiness.

le: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a
part of it.

ster: These persons have been called by God, through
their election by our congregation. They have
accepted their call and stand before us in witness
to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted
with responsibility for particular service in the
ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully con-
sidered the duties and responsibilities of your
ministry, are you prepared to serve in Christ's
name and for his glory?

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ers I do.

ster: Do you promise to exercise your ministry dilligently
and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

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ers I do.

Minister: (Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now make.

People:
(standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister: The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereby the Church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men, and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on each one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receiv authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God you have called these persons to serv you in this Household of Faith, and in the world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us all as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Commun Church. Empower these persons as they begin thei duties. Energize your church to prosper in missi and service. Enable us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY C

o this table we welcome all who own Jesus as Savior and
ord, who desire the mercy of God and peace with their
eighbor, and who seek strength and companionship to
ollow the way of Christ.

Gracious God, we pray that you will grant us strength through this sacrament, according to the promises of Christ. Increase in us, and among us, the sense of his presence.

s they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after saying
he blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples.
Take it and eat," he said, "this is my body." Then he
ook a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
hem. "Drink from this, all of you," he said, "this is
y blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be
oured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Lord, we pause before the awesome mystery of this food. Your Spirit formed the earth and warmed it by the sun, gave life to the buried seed, and nourished it through snow and rain; so that in dying, the seed burst forth with new life after its pattern.

ur stewards prepared and planted, tended and harvested,
lled and ground, crushed and strained, baked and blended,
ckaged and transported and marketed this food, so that
day we may rejoice in this royal meal.

Your Spirit formed and filled the Christ, out of the wonderful history of your people. He walked the earth setting others free from sin and disease and fear to live in the joy of faith. He died on the cross, was buried, and then burst forth into new life, so that we might reach new life after his pattern.

(continued)

As the grain comes to new life in our mind and muscle,
as the grape refreshes and once again becomes vital,
so the Spirit has new life in us and through us.

But must we be broken as the grain was broken?
Must we be yielding as the grape was yielding?
Must we be willing as Christ was willing?
Must we die in order to come to new life?

Jesus said, "He who finds his life will lose it,
and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Speak to us, Lord, through this mystery.

(The elements are distributed.)

Unison Prayer after Communing:

Lord Jesus Christ, we have received here good gifts
at your pierced hands:
the taste of your mystery,
the power of your peace,
the refreshment of your life,
the close fellowship of your people.
We have had time to take stock of our lives,
to ponder afresh the direction of our pilgrimage.
Help us to absorb these communion gifts,
so that within us and among us
the Kingdom of God may become real,
after your pattern.
Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR will return to it regular rehearsals Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. THE ADULT CHOIR at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Eleanore Kittenger would like to thank the congregation for the many kindnesses shown to her during her recent illness and during the holiday season.

Devotional books "These Days" for January and February are available in the narthex.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

un.,	Jan. 4 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4.00 p.m.	Middle High Youth
		7:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth
on.,	Jan. 5 -	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1 - Seekers Classroom
			Circle 2 - Church Library
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3 - Mrs. Lois Bost
ues.,	Jan. 6 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4 - Church Library
ed.,	Jan. 7 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 1987

John 1:14

SHOW AND TELL

"Show and Tell" is an exercise familiar to most children. Each child is encouraged to bring some special object to school and then talk about it in front of the class. Besides teaching a child better communication skills, such an exercise is plain fun — a chance to show off.

Epiphany is "show and tell" time in the life of the Christian church. Deriving from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "showing forth," Epiphany reminds us of the "showing" of the Christ to those first Gentiles gathered around the manger and their subsequent "telling" of the Good News of the Messiah's birth to those back in their homelands.

As any school child knows, one of the primary rules of show and tell is that the object be a special or important one. Certainly, at first glance, the Christ child may not have appeared to be special or important — just another wrinkled newborn baby. Yet, Epiphany reminds us of the supreme importance of this particular child — not only as "the light [that] shines in the darkness" (John 1:5), but as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32).

Epiphany calls us back to the manger, to stand beside those first visitors from the east and also to consider the importance of God's incarnation in our own lives.

Epiphany calls us to the showing and telling of God's love as revealed in the manger, a lifelong task and privilege for those who choose to follow Christ.

Rev. Earl D. Ball
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Easton, Pennsylvania

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Dr. James Moncure, Liturgist

January 11, 1987 11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Suite for the First Sunday After Epiphany
Charles Tournemi

Introit "Now the Silence" Words: Jaroslav J. Vaj
Music: Carl F. Schalk

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Responsive Prayer of Adoration

L. Yours, Almighty God, is the kindgom and the power and the glory forever.
P. Yours is the kingdom--not our political party, not our economic policy, not our country.
L. You rule the world. You order the stars and atoms. You raise up and bring down the empires of history. You are commander-in-chief of the universe.
P. Yours is the power--not our strength, not our wealth, not our weapons.
L. You energize life. You pump our hearts and bellow our lungs. You ignite the fires of imagination.
P. Yours is the glory--not our technology, not our learning, not ourselves.
L. Yours is the splendor revealed night and day. Yours are creation and redemption. Yours are the praise and adoration which we offer today in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us this prayer...

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

Hymn 6 "O Worship the King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are always asking that you dance to our tune. Whatever melody moves through our lives we want to be your song too. We have it backwards. We want you to be the orchestra and ourselves to be the conductor. Give us grace to put down the baton, and to play fiddle, even second fiddle. Let us keep time to your beat. If your cue is for justice, let justice be performed. If your cue is for silence, let every instrument be still. If your cue is for praise, let our voices fill with a crescendo of adoration. And in all our dancing let us follow the steps of our master, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 125 Matthew 5:3-16 p. 544

Anthem "Before the Marvel of this Night"
(see insert for text to this anthem)
Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda
Music: Carl Schalk

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Air: "The People That Walked in Darkness Have Seen A Great Light" from Messiah
Baritone: Raymond Walden G.F. Handel

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 290 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon "A Light to the Nations" Dr. Irvin

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Dietrich Buxtehud

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh by Miss Ruth Dunn.

Copies of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS are available in the narthex.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet immediately after the service this morning in the Adult Sunday School Class Room.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS will meet this afternoon at 5 p.m.

NOW THE SILENCE

Now the silence, Now the peace, Now the empty
hands uplifted;
Now the kneeling, Now the plea, Now the Father's
arms in welcome;
Now the hearing, Now the pow'r, Now the vessel
brimmed for pouring;
Now the body, Now the blood, Now the joyful
celebration;
Now the wedding, Now the songs, Now the heart
forgiven leaping;
Now the Spirit's visitation, Now the Son's
epiphany,
Now the Father's blessing. Now. Now. Now.

BEFORE THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT

Before the marvel of this night Adoring, fold
your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light And with your
news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, That fear
and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace,
Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, This is the
day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, In royal splendor
come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, A teasing
taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss,
Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have known, Our joy and endless
light,
Now to the loveless world be shown, break upon
its night.
Into one song compress the love, the love that
rules above:
Sing love, sing love, God is love!

People of the Story

The Arts Ensemble presents a
worshipful
journey
exploring
who we are
in God's
ongoing story

Date: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: ELON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH



LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

A Seminary of the United Church of Christ

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will meet immediately after the service this morning in the Youth Room.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held next Sunday, January 18, 1987 at 5:30 p.m. beginning with a covered-dish supper.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan. 11 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		12:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed
		4:00 p.m.	Town Handicapped Committee
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Tues.,	Jan. 13 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Jan. 14 -	10:30 a.m.	Winter Lecture Series
		6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 11, 1987

Matthew 3:14

We often confuse our needs with our wants. There are many things we want in life—but only a few that we need. Perhaps an example will help: if you are in a swamp, surrounded by frogs, you *want* a boat—it would be nice, but you could survive without it. However, if you are in the same swamp surrounded by alligators, you *need* a boat—your well-being depends on that boat. We need to be baptized, to be enlivened by the Spirit. Our spiritual well-being depends on it.

Rev. John H. Danner
First Congregational UCC
Gloversville, NY

UCC CONFERENCE ON MISSION

This weekend, over two hundred delegates, representing conferences, national agencies, and special interest groups in the United Church of Christ, are gathered in Houston, Texas, for the UCC Conference on Mission.

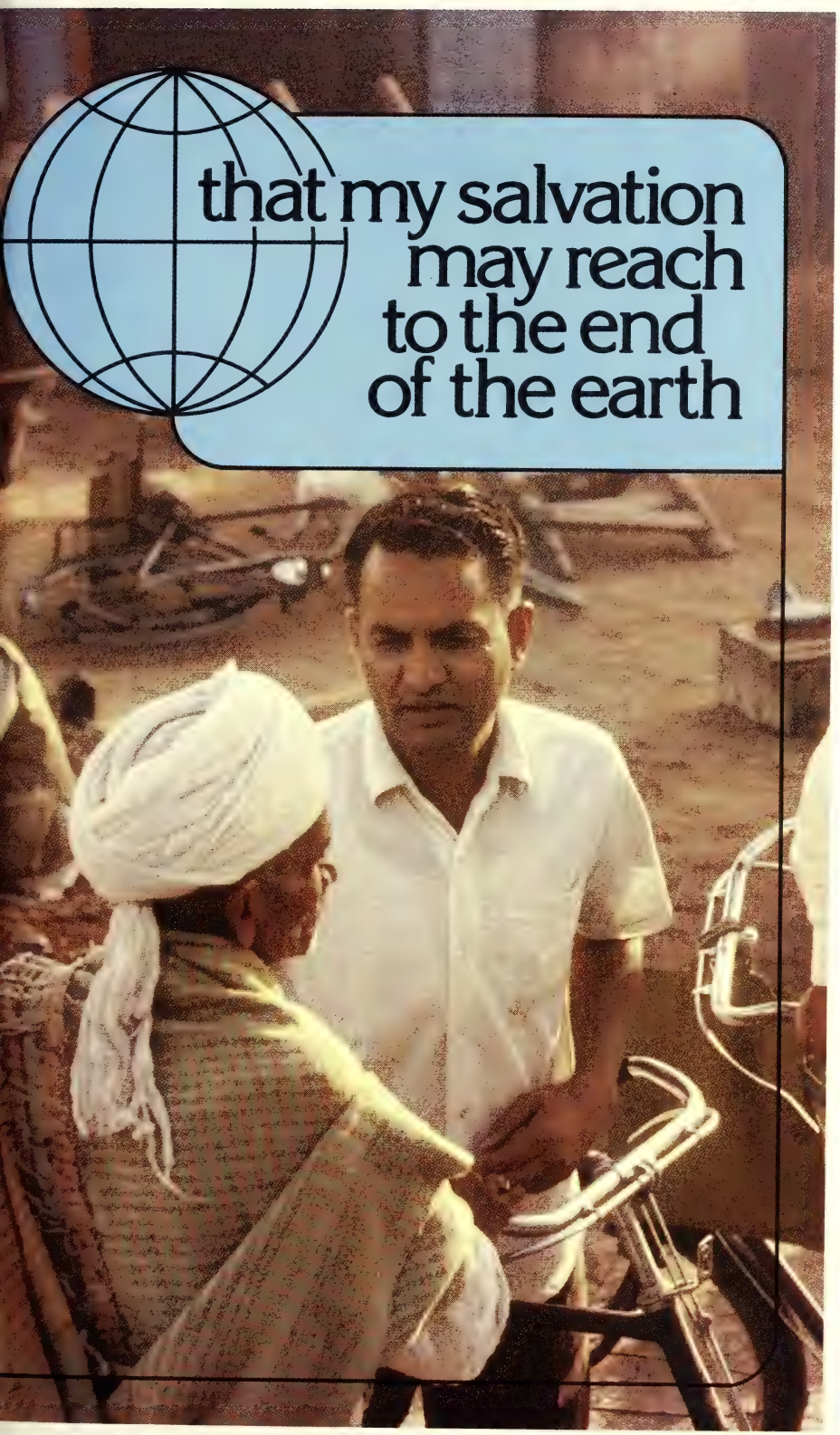
Funded by a portion of our gifts to the 1986 Family Thank Offering, this four-day event was conceived as a means through which the United Church of Christ could forge a common commitment to mission. It is hoped that the gathering will result in mutual understanding of and appreciation for the variety of ways in which the many parts of our church engage in mission. Furthermore, it is expected that this will help to clarify the challenges in mission that lie before the United Church of Christ in the years ahead.

While the United Church of Christ has a Statement of Faith, it has never adopted a Mission Statement. Delegates to the UCC Conference on Mission this weekend are sharing mission statements from the various bodies they represent in anticipation of drafting a common United Church of Christ Mission Statement, one that will reflect the wide diversity within the church as well as identify major directions of mission for the future.

Following the Conference, a report of its work will be made to the spring meeting of the Executive Council, and to the Sixteenth General Synod, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, next June.

We pray for the success of the UCC Conference on Mission and look forward to the results of its deliberations.

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that my salvation
may reach
to the end
of the earth

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Elegy" Arthur W

Introit "Amazing Grace" Early American Me
arr. by Katherine K. D

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We have been created to be God's children, but we are free to accept or reject this identity.
P. We have come to tell the world that we want to live as sons and daughters of God.
L. In Christ, we are called to participate in the life of God. We may come, or stay away.
P. We have come to tell the world that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Praise be to God!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 459 "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the good we have

IN THIS HOUR

WHAT WE BRING TO WORSHIP

I always bring me
sometimes happy, sometimes sad
sometimes rushed, sometimes bored
sometimes despairing, sometimes hopeful
sometimes anxious, sometimes content
I always bring me

You always bring you
sometimes confident, sometimes scared
sometimes silly, sometimes serious
sometimes guilty, sometimes forgiven
sometimes open, sometimes closed
You always bring you

I always bring me, you always bring you
the real me, the real you
wonderful
imperfect
warm
callous
broken
whole
worthy
unworthy
the real me, the real you
I always bring me, you always bring you



And together we
hear the Word
speak words of faith
eat the Bread
drink from the Cup
confess our sins
hear assuring words
pray for others
pray for ourselves
give thanks to God
are thankful for each other

What we bring is made new
when I bring me, the real me
you bring you, the real you
when we bring ourselves
with each other
before God
in worship
and
give what we bring to God
who makes it new

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What do you bring to be made new this day?

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THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have a Breakfast Meeting next Sunday, January 25th at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 18 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon., Jan. 19 -	7:30 p.m.	Music Committee
Tues., Jan. 20 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Jan. 21 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Jan. 22 -	District Meeting of the Men's Fellowship - Long's Chapel	

neglected, the promises we have broken and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to use it. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy, and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 134 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 p. 548

Anthem "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"
American Folk Melody "Promised Land"
Arr. by David H. Williams

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" J.S. Bach

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

*Prayer of Dedication

Introduction to Hymn of the Month

*Hymn 126 "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 16:11-40

Sermon "Being Saved: Simple of Complex?" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 319 "Just As I Am"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Amazing Grace" Katherine K. Davis

*Postlude "Glorificamus" Gordon Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 1987

Isaiah 49:1

Where there is oppression, there is bondage for both oppressor and oppressed. True freedom comes only when it comes for all. God's salvation must be announced to our captors. This is what Isaiah tells the Israelites, not merely that they might be freed, but that their captors, too, might be loosed from their bonds. A latter-day Isaiah, Martin Luther King, Jr., proclaimed the same truth: "I have a dream that one day . . . the [children] of former slaves and the [children] of former slave owners will be able to sit down together . . . ."

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TO KEEP MARTIN'S DREAM ALIVE

O God, to keep Martin's dream alive
help us to become active ministers of social change.
In order to be good leaders
help us to become good followers of thy word.

Give us the understanding;
grant us the wisdom;
That we shall make the crooked straightforward
and cause the blind to see thy light.

Help us to heal the sick, O God,
and to feed the hungry;
That we shall struggle against poverty,
and shall establish a new covenant with thee.

Let our hearts be compassionate,
our determination solid.
By our nonviolent civil rights activity
Let us forever keep Martin's dream alive.

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
Executive Director
Commission for Racial Justice

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n the same mind

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Prelude "Chorale in E Minor" Jean Langl

Introit "O Brightness of the Immortal Father's Face"
Gerald M

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship Beth Lyon, Liturg

L. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

P. Alleluia!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Unison: You have called us, God, to live as Christ did. It is difficult. We confess to you and to ourselves how often we fall short of Christ's example.

Leader: We have gone after our own goals, forgetting to test them by your intention for us.
(Silence)
We have failed to understand the needs of those around us and seek their good.
(Silence)

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ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning,

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 25 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., Jan. 27 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Jan. 28 -10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

We have relied on our own strength and given in to despair.
(Silence)

Unison: Cleanse and renew us, that we may know the joy of your presence and be bearers of your light, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 91 Psalm 91 p. 529

Anthem "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Calvin Hampton
(The text can be found at hymn 150/151 in the hymnal)

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Song of Peace" Jean Langlais

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 126 "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-5

Sermon "The Stairway to Hope" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Benediction

Benediction Response "Worthy Art Thou" Gerald Near

Postlude "Pasticchio" Jean Langlais

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

Throughout its history, Christianity has suffered innumerable divisions. Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks to one of the first instances of such disunity. Badly splintered, the Corinthians allowed personal loyalties to various apostles to mean more than their common commitment to Christ. How often those outside the Church comment on our inability to work together—to be united in the same mind. If we are to be effective in our witness to a torn and divided world, we must share Paul's concern for overcoming our divisions.

Rev. John H. Danner
First Congregational UCC
Gloversville, NY

Why is deliverance important? Because it is important to the Lord God almighty. The purpose of all creation is to be free in God.

Christians met about a year ago to affirm the South African people's need for deliverance. They came from the churches of Western Europe, North America, Australia, and Africa, and some of them represented the major ecumenical councils. They produced the Harare Declaration, named for the city of their meeting.

At a time of continuing oppression and increasing violence in South Africa, these leaders sought God's guidance and committed themselves to continuing theological reflection to discern his will. "We affirm that the moment of truth (kairos) is now," they said, "both for South Africa and the world community."

Saying they had heard the anguished cries of the South Africans trapped by apartheid, the church leaders agreed that this unequal social structure is against God's will and is morally indefensible. Citing several specific steps, they declared that a move to majority rule would be the only lasting solution to the crisis.

Truly, this message from Harare was a word of deliverance. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).

Tandi Gcabashe
Program Coordinator for
Southern Africa Peace
Education Program of
the American Friends Service Committee

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
ngdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall
comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit
e earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
hteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
tain mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall
e God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
led sons [and daughters] of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for
hteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
aven.
"Blessed are you when they revile you and
secute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
ely on my account."



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February 1, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O God, Thou Faithful God" Johannes Br

Introit "O Brightness of the Immortal Father's Face"
Gerald

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Let your hearts wait silently for God,
since God is the hope of deliverance.
P. God alone is my rock and salvation.
I shall not be shaken.
L. On God rests deliverance and honor.
My refuge is God.
P. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God; and true love, O Lord,
is thine.
L. Let your hearts wait silently for God,
since God is our shelter and strength.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

A broken and contrite heart is something you do not despise, Eternal God. We turn to you for help because

HOUR IN THIS

FOCUSING

Much as some cameras require the time and effort of focusing the lens in order to get a sharper and clearer picture, so, too, a person can bring into spiritual focus a readiness to worship God.

Some cameras have an "automatic focus," but there is no way automatically to focus spiritually. There is some work, some discipline, to the effort.

What follows is a spiritual exercise. It, like many things, requires some practice. You will need to work at it a number of times in order to feel comfortable in this work of spiritual focusing.

Read the following directions a number of times, enough so that you do not have to stop to read them during your first attempts to focus spiritually.

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1. Relax in the pew where you are seated. Close your eyes. Be aware of the thoughts, feelings or sounds which could distract you. Acknowledge them and then put them aside.

2. Hear someone ask you this question: "Why are you here?"

3. Listen for a single and clear answer coming from within yourself and linger with the answer you hear.

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4. Repeat the question and hear it a second time. Listen for a second and different answer.

5. Repeat the cycle of hearing and answering the question at least three more times.

6. Once you have completed five cycles of hearing and answering the question "Why are you here?," remain silent and savor what you have heard.

7. Slowly let the sounds and sights around you come to consciousness. Then begin to read through the worship service for the morning.

* *

You may want to use this variation with the spiritual exercise of focusing. Consciously have different persons ask you the question, including:

- Jesus Christ.
- someone who is a complete stranger to Christian worship.
- a person who knows you very well.
- a Christian from a Third World country.
- a young child.

* *

Spiritual exercises are not an escape; they are best thought of as an "entering into." This spiritual exercise is an entering into a readiness to worship. Use it with expectancy. Cultivate it as an opportunity. Be thankful for it as an opportunity. Be thankful for it as a possibility.

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THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have a breakfast next Sunday, February 8th at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 1 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers' Appreciation Supper
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed
Tues., Feb. 3 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Feb. 4 -	10:00 a.m.	Winter Lecture Series
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth have some exciting plans for the coming year, but we need your help. Extra ADULT help will be needed for most of the events we have planned for the coming year. If you are interested in assisting with a program, please contact Nancy Lu Irvine or Sue Brown, or fill in the special tear-off section below and put it in the offering plate. Here are some opportunities to get involved with the youth program.

I would like to help with the following:

_____February - Fund-raiser for the Good Samaritan Fund

_____ March - Ice-Skating in Greensboro

_____ April 26 - Youth Sunday

_____ May - Spring Retreat

_____ June - Volleyball

_____ Sept. - Fall Retreat

_____ Oct. - CROP Walk
Lock-in

_____ Nov. - Service project for the night shelter.

Signed_____

the burden of the world's suffering is too heavy for us to bear alone, and so is the burden of our guilt: for in ways known and unknown to us, we have made our original contribution to humanity's agony. Cast our sins into the sea of your loving forgetfulness, and assure us that in partnership with yourself and with all honest people we may work for that which is good and creative, without fear, through Jesus our Lord and elder Brother. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 83 Psalm 65 p. 525

Anthem "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"
Melchior Vulpius
Setting by Ludwig Lenel

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Prelude on "Brother James' Air" Searle Wright
"How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord, of hosts."

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 126 "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading I Peter 2:4-10

Sermon "Church, Who Are You, Really?" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Worthy Art Thou" Gerald Near

*Postlude "Agincourt Hymn" John Dunstable

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 1987

Matthew 5:11-12

Nervously our fifth-grade class stood at the front of the sanctuary jostling one another as we recited the opening verses of Matthew 5. We knew how to say them, but we didn't know what they said. We had learned them by heart, but we had failed to take them to heart. How could we? No one had told us they were meant to be more than words for a Sunday School recitation. No one had told us they were words which could turn the world upside-down.

Rev. John H. Danner
First Congregational UCC
Gloversville, NY

UCC WOMEN'S WEEK, 1987

It's time to celebrate again! Today we begin UCC Women's Week 1987, and there's excitement, to be sure. In the United Church of Christ, we pause for a moment to name women, to lift up women's work, and to celebrate the dynamic contribution women make to the life of our denomination. Today in the UCC, women on a pilgrimage are leading worship and worshipping, studying, praying, giving, growing, learning, challenging and being challenged, questioning, laughing, crying, hoping, seeking, and becoming. And yet, today is not so different from last Sunday really—or any more special than next Sunday. Still, it is special in its own way because we set it apart as we focus on women's commitment to the church and its mission.

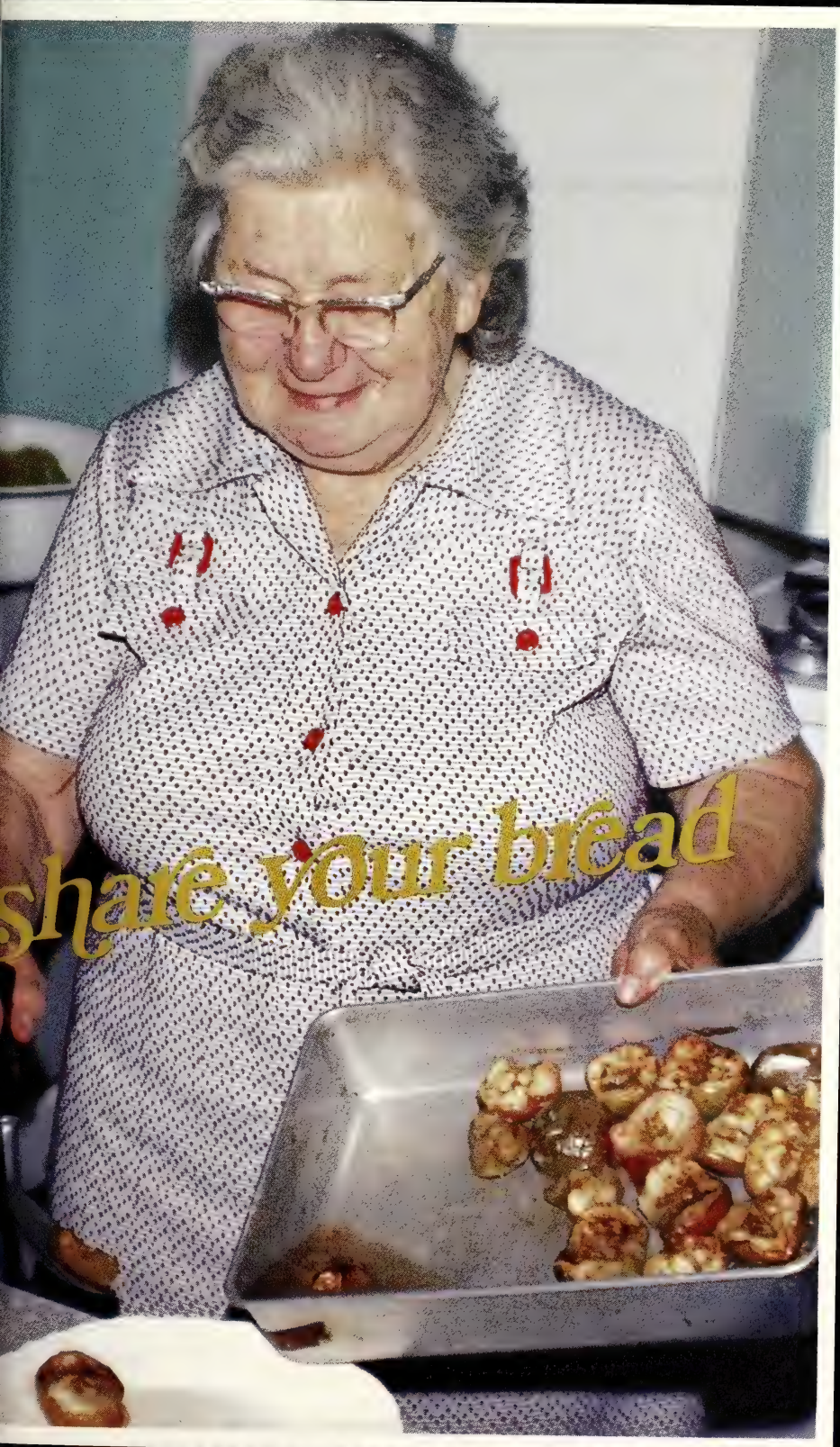
As we focus on our commitment, let us remember that—

In the mission of the church, God summons us to the journey. God calls us to respond with love and care for the people God calls blessed, all people.
In the agony of our world, women and their children often experience life on the edge of survival: pain and poverty, sickness and war, persecution and hopelessness, and violence within their own families.
In the midst of this day we are reminded by the words of Jesus that these too —perhaps these especially—are blessed.

And so the celebration begins and it's a celebration of joy, for we are a joyful people. But it's also a celebration of resolve, for we are a faithful people! Today as we continue our pilgrimage as journeying people of God, let us continue to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Patricia K. Miller
Coordinating Center for Women
in Church and Society

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share your bread

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February 8, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in E Major" Caesar Fra

Introit "All Beautiful the March of Days"
Traditional English Mel
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Willi

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Call to Worship Beth Lyon, Liturg

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heav and earth, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not had in us the mind of Christ, we have grieved your Holy Spirit. You alone know how often we have sinned and grieved you, by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful God,and free us from our sin. Renew in us again the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our Savior. Amen.

IN THIS HOUR

FAMILIARITY AND FRESHNESS

It happens. You go to church on Sunday morning and occasionally something beyond the ordinary routine of things takes place. At times that feels OK and other times it disturbs you. Or, sometimes you may feel that the routine of things seems to be wearing thin in contrast to those times when some aspect of worship has come alive with new freshness. All of these things are likely to be a part of your experience.

The fact of the matter is that, when it comes to worshiping Sunday after Sunday, there is the need for both familiarity and freshness. The work of the worshiper includes:

1. **Appreciating the familiarity of your worship service.**

There is a sense of flow and rhythm to what happens in worship. Having to work that out anew each and every week could prove difficult. You could end up spending all of your time "adjusting" and precious little of your time worshiping.

2. **Recognizing that freshness can take place within a familiar pattern.**

You may discover that something which has been said or sung repeatedly takes on a new meaning. It connects with your life experience in a new way. The Spirit moves in the midst of the familiar to infuse it with new insight, new feelings and new understandings. In addition, each week the hymns, sermon, prayers and other parts of the service have new content which can speak in new ways to the person worshiping with a sense of expectancy and anticipation.

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3. **Bringing an attitude of receptivity when something new is introduced.**

Those who lead worship will occasionally invite the worshipers into something that changes from the usual. Listen carefully for the reasons and try to enter into the departure offered with a sense of expecting that good can come out of it. Reflect on the experience immediately afterwards and try to hold off making any judgments until later. The history of Christian worship is such that invitations to such changes are frequently the seedbed of renewal.

4. **Speaking with your pastor or other trusted friends to explore what is going on and why, especially when the new or the familiar loses meaning for you.**

This kind of concerned exploration can lead to a sense of personal renewal and a renewal of present worship practices in the life of the congregation.

Appreciating both familiarity and freshness is important work of the worshiper. Try these suggestions and see if worship can become more meaningful and enlightening for you.

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On Sunday, February 22nd the Yough will hold a spagetti dinner to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Tickets will be $3.00 for adults and $1.50 for children under 12. Tickets will be available after church in the narthex.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 8 -	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Tues., Feb.10 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Music Committee
Wed., Feb.11 -	10:00 a.m.	Winter Lecture Series
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat., Feb.14 -	6:30 p.m.	Covered-dish Supper Millard Fuller Habitat for Humanity

Hal H. Hopson's PRAYER FOR THE EARTH
A SONG FOR SCOUTS WHO LOVE THE EARTH

1. MOUNTAIN BROOK WITH RUSHING WATERS, EAGLE PERCHED IN LOFTY TREE, FLOWRING HILLSIDE IN THE SPRINGTIME, WHITE TAILED DEER, ALERT AND FREE! BEAUTY, BEAUTY, ALL AROUND US. JUBILATE! SING FOR JOY!
HELP US, GOD, PRESERVE EARTH'S SPLENDOR FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD TO SEE.

2. WAVING FIELDS OF WHEAT AND BARLEY, GIANT APPLES; JUICY RED. CATTLE GRAZING IN THE PASTURE; BY GOD'S BOUNTY MAN IS FED! WELL SUPPLIED THE WORLD AROUND US. JUBILATE! SING FOR JOY!
MAY NO GREED OR WARRING MADNESS SCORCH THE EARTH OR ROB MAN'S BREAD.

3. KEEP US FAITHFUL IN THE STRUGGLE TO CONSERVE EARTH'S THREATENED STORE: AS WE FIGHT TO SAVE THE FOREST, CLEAN THE STREAM, PROTECT THE SHORE. GOD AND MAN AS PARTNERS WORKING. JUBILATE! SING FOR JOY! PARTNERS WORKING TILL AS STEWARDS WE CAN SAY, "EARTH'S GOOD" ONCE MORE.

Words of Assurance

L. Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

P. Amen.
Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to everlasting live.

L. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 97 Psalm 104 p. 532

Anthem "Prayer For The Earth"
Traditional Russian Folk Melody
Arranged by Hal H. Hopson
(see insert for text) Today's anthem will be sung by
Cub Scout Pack 51

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Pastorale in F Major,Movement I" Bach

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Psalm 24:1-2

Sermon "The Earth is the Lord's" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 126 "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

Benediction

Benediction Response "O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows"
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Postlude "Pastorale in F Major,Movement IV" Bach

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 1987

Isaiah 58:7

Do we fast to remind ourselves that there are those who are always hungry? Do we in sharing their hunger learn to share our bread? Or, do we fast to show off our religiosity? These are some of the uncomfortable questions Isaiah asks his contemporaries. These are some of the uncomfortable questions Isaiah asks us! The true fast is more than just giving something up—it is learning from not having how to share that which we have.

Rev. John H. Danner
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RELIGIOUS FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE

It doesn't take a "scientific" study to confirm what most of us know from experience—that family life is the most powerful force shaping religious faith in the lives of children.

Yet, at a time when new forms of human relationship and new patterns of work and leisure change the traditional family, we are filled with uncertainty about their effect upon religious development in the home.

All we know for sure is that today there is renewed interest in the religious life of the family—probably because it is in trouble. Asked if their families ever discussed religious subjects together, over forty percent of the respondents in a recent study answered "no." Yet, more than half of the parents in the same study expressed a strong desire to learn how to help children grow in religious faith.

The state of religion in American families has reached such a low level that many leaders in Christian education advocate that churches begin a new missionary effort to their own families. "The mission to families is just as important as foreign missions," argues Professor John Charles Wynn of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

The dividends of enriched religious life for families are amply documented: strengthened family relationships, increased concern for others, resilience in the face of crisis.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ has made Family Life a priority. What can we do to strengthen family life?

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"BUILDING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE IN NEED"

A service of Worship celebrating Habitat for Humanity

The Allied Churches of Alamance County
Chaplain's Office of Elon College
Elon College Community Church

Sunday, February 15, 1987, 2:30 p.m.

Prelude	"All Glory be to God on High"	Johann Pachelbel
Welcome and Invocation		John Irvine
*Hymn (see insert)	"Sing We Now to God, Creator"	
Litany	(see insert)	Steven Hickle
Report from the Winston-Salem Habitat Project		David Matthews
Report from the Orange County Habitat Project		David Stanford
Solo	"The World Was Made To Live In"	Darryl Peebles
Introduction of Guest Speaker		Richard McBride
Address	"Love in Action" I John 4:7-21	Millard Fuller
*Hymn (see insert)	"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"	
Benediction		John Irvine
Postlude	Chorale Prelude on "All Creatures of Our God and King"	Charles W. Ore

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*Congregation Stands

Sing We Now to God

Words by Greg Smith
Tune: Hymn to Joy
Meter: 8.7.8.7.D.

Sing we now to God, Creator,
Once the Source, creating still.
Life-sustaining, life-renewing,
All within your loving will.
As your people, we would worship,
Celebrate life joyfully.
Now affirming your creation,
Co-creators we would be.

As we sing to God, Redeemer,
We proclaim the love we know,
Reaching out to share with others
Grace, from your unceasing flow.
Growing, knowing of your Kingdom,
Teaching of your love for all.
Caring, giving, serving, living,
Following salvation's call.

Sing to God, the Ever-Present,
Joining those of different ways
In a common bond of worship,
Fellowship of prayer and praise.
Bind us with your love transforming,
Fill us with your joy divine.
Bless us with your peace indwelling,
Live within our hearts and minds.

God, to whom we sing our praises,
Guide our church that we might be
Faithful seekers of your purpose,
Diligent in ministry.
May we share your love around us,
Caring for a world in need.
May we celebrate in gladness,
Praising you in word and deed.

Called as Partners

Words by Jane Parker Huber
Tune: Beecher
(Love Divine, all loves excelling)
Meter: 8.7.8.7.D

Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment,
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together,
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

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LITANY FOR SHELTER

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give us the courage to act!

PEOPLE: We pray this day, O Lord, for all people who do not have adequate shelter in which to live and raise their families, and for those who have no shelter at all.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: We pray for families whose living space is so small that their children will never know the meaning of privacy.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: We pray for all of those who are sick because their houses are infested with parasites, and the water comes through the roof every time it rains.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: We pray for all people whose living conditions are more like a burden than a pleasure, causing them to lose their dignity and their hope.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: We pray for all those people who use much of their energy and resources patching their dwelling, only to patch it again, only to find that the patches have really solved nothing.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: We pray that those of us in this congregation who live in safe, secure, and comfortable shelter will see our homes with humble acceptance as treasures entrusted to us for use in your Kingdom's work.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: Move us, stir us, O Lord, to action on behalf of all people in our world who desperately need decent housing and cannot make it on their own.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: Make us sensitive to the world around us. Give us hearing that really hears, sight that really sees, insight that really knows, and hearts that are restless until all of God's people can live in adequate shelter.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: Help us to see those who are poorly housed, not as objects of our pity, but as sisters and brothers who stand at the foot of the cross and at the doorstep of the Church with real and pressing needs.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: Teach us to be generous, O Lord - generous with our time and talents, generous with our money, generous with our creativity, generous with our lives.

LEADER: Hear our prayer, O Lord!

PEOPLE: Grant, O Lord, that we may learn to serve you by working with those who are in need of decent shelter. May the work we do be an expression of our faith and a witness to the love you have for all people.

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give us the courage to act!

You are invited to remain for the brief quarterly meeting of the Allied Churches of Alamance County, which will continue in the sanctuary. After it ends, there will be a reception for Millard Fuller in the church's Parish House (white building to the north), to which everyone is invited.

Books by Millard Fuller will be available for sale before the service in the church's Narthex and afterwards in the Parish House. Some reprints of articles concerning Habitat's work are available at no charge.

If you would like to make a donation to the work of Habitat for Humanity, you may do so in an offering plate on the table in the Narthex as you leave.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Dr. Millard Fuller is the founder and Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, headquartered in Americus, Ga.

The Rev. Steven A. Hickle is pastor of Haw River Methodist Church and President of the Allied Churches of Alamance County.

The Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., is pastor of Elon College Community Church, United Church of Christ.

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The Rev. Richard McBride is Chaplain of Elon College.

The Rev. Darryl R. Peebles is pastor of Providence United Church of Christ in Graham.

The Rev. David Stanford is Associate Rector at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill; his work is primarily with the student population at the University of North Carolina. He is president of the Orange County Habitat project.

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Jamie and Katie Brown, Acolytes today

February 15, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Ora Pro Nobis" Franz L

Introit Ronald Ar

Thou whose purpose is to kindle, now ignite us with th
fire; while the earth awaits thy burning, with thy
passion us inspire. Overcome our sinful calmness,
rouse us with redemptive shame; baptize with thy fiery
spirit, crown our lives with tongues.

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Welcome to our worship.
P. Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the fait
L. We come to celebrate God's presence,
P. And God's love clearly shown in Jesus Christ.
L. We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.
P. We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to
live out our faith; we come seeking the strength
to carry on our journey.
All: We rejoice in God's gift to us!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

nison Prayer of Confession

O God, whose beloved Son was placed in a borrowed grave:
e confess that our affluent society has often left us
ich in possessions, penny-pinching in generosity, and
nkrupt in social justice. Sometimes we shelter ourselves
rom those who are in need, pretending they do not exist.
metimes we harden our hearts, because we cannot bear to
e others suffer. Forgive us this insensitivity. Fill
r hearts with the compassionate vision of Christ, that
e may be, like him, agents in your hands to heal the
rld's hurts. Draw us to our true stature as fellow
rkers with Jesus, in whose name we make this prayer.
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lent Prayers and Words of Assurance

WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Shout to Jehovah, All the Earth"
Ainsworth Book of Psalms
arr. Katherine K. Davis

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e Sacrament of Baptism see liturgy
administered to Robert James Danieley

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ripture Reading Psalm 35:23, II Peter 3:1-18

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RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory "Deck Thyself, My Soul,With Gladness"
Johann Walther

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 416 "Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response Ronald Arnatt

Lord, who still a sword delivers rather than a placid peace, with thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release! Save us now from satisfaction, when we privately are free, yet are undisturbed in spirit by our brothers' misery.

*Postlude "Fugue in G Minor" Dietrich Buxtehude

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

We welcome as our guest speaker today Millard Fuller, of Americus, Ga., Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity.

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. G. Dudley Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lyon by Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon.

If you would like to contribute to Habitat for Humanity, this morning you may do so by making a check out to this church with the sub-notation of Habitat, or by cash using one of the white envelopes stamped with the church's name and address placed in the pews.

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Dear friends, as we come to this font of living water, let us recall the meaning of Baptism.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, through many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--
and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. Jesus said: unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the realm of God. Paul the apostle said: all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

This is the water of Baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Addressing the parent(s):

Do you desire to have your child baptized?

I / We do.

Addressing the parent(s) and sponsor(s):

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, showing love and justice as best you are able?

I / We do, with the help of God.

Do you promise to show this child a Christian life, grow with this child in the Christian faith, guide this child in a life of prayer, and offer him / her the nurture of the Christian church?

I/ We do, with the help of God.

Addressing the congregation, which stands:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and offer them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he/she lives and grows in Christ?

We do.

Let us affirm our baptismal faith.

All say together the UCC Statement of Faith. It is found in the back of the hymnal.

The congregation is seated and the pastor leads in a baptismal prayer. Then the pastor says:

By what name will your child be called?

_____, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit be upon you, _____, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

All join in the following prayer:

We give you thanks, Holy God, mother and father of all the faithful, for this person washed in the waters of Baptism. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, value, love, support, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

The pastor prays a blessing upon parent(s) and sponsor(s)

All address the person(s) baptized as follows:

May your light so shine before all people that they may see your good works and give glory to God. May God grant you strength for life's journey, joy in your faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Once you were a stranger and a sojourner.

Now you are equally a citizen with us in the household of faith.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., 15 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:30 p.m.	Millard Fuller - Habitat for Humanity Allied Churches Quarterly Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Reception in Parish House
Mon., 16 -	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Tues., 17 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Town Meeting re. rezoning property near church.
Wed., 18 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 15, 1987

Deuteronomy 30:19

Idols aren't necessarily made of gold and silver, wood and stone. Idols can be made with uranium and steel just as well. Moses offered the Hebrew people a choice: follow the way of life, the way of God, or follow the way of death, the way of the idols. We are offered the same choice. Our decision can bring abundant life or certain destruction. Not only our lives, but those of our children, and their children, and their children's children, hang in the balance. How then will we choose?

Rev. John H. Danner
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". . . GLAD TO BE HIS COLLEAGUES. . ."

Judy and Allen Myrick, United Church Board for World Ministries appointees, serve with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa in the Midlands of Zimbabwe. Working with that fast-growing Christian fellowship, they understand the meaning of partnership in mission.

In a recent letter, Allen and Judy write: "But rather than tell you about *our* work, let us tell you about one of our colleagues in ministry here—for, after all, it is they, more than us, on whom the future of the Church of Africa is built.

"Majaha Nhliziyo finished theological school a year ago. Because our church is so short of ministers, he was assigned a parish of his own—the large Hope Fountain church just south of Bulawayo. It has twenty-five different congregations. He spends a good deal of time traveling (by slow rural bus) to these different points, often staying a weekend at each, where he visits homes, conducts prayer meetings in houses, meets with deacons, Sunday School teachers, young people, and conducts a service on Sunday. In addition, the main church, where Majaha lives, is on the campus of a large boarding high school run by our denomination, and so he is an unofficial chaplain to 500 young people and 22 teachers. We are impressed by this young pastor—by his dedication, intelligence, and energy. We are glad to be his colleagues."

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help support partnership with African Christians like Majaha Nhliziyo in Zimbabwe.

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Ryan Harris, Acolyte today
Dr. Martin Shotzberger, Liturgist today

February 22, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxteh

Introit "Holy God" (Trisagion) John Rui

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we bow before you, acknowledging our unworthiness and our sin. You sent your Son to show us the way of life; yet we have strayed from it continually. You have manifested his kingly right, and we have seen his glory; yet, while offering him the homage of our lips we have not given him the loyalty of our lives. We have followed our own pleasures; we have sought our own ends; we have lived in selfishness; we have refused the way of the Cross. Have mercy upon us; rebuke our waywardness and folly, and grant us true repentance, that our sins may be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

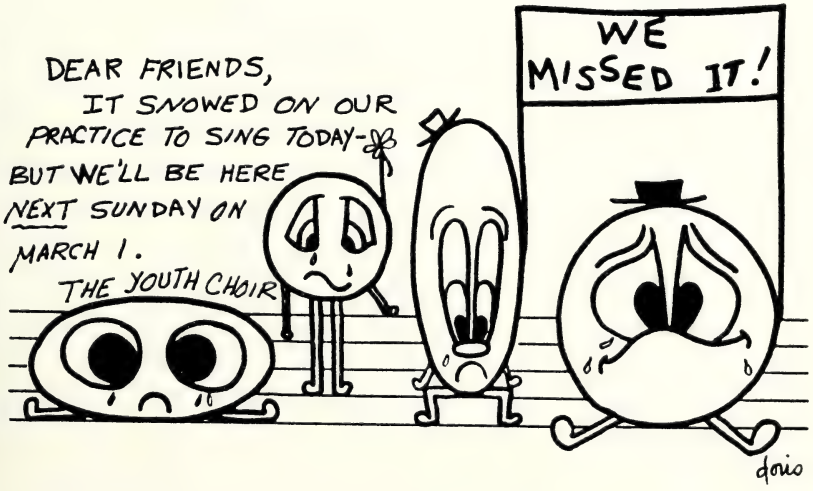
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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards.

A SPAGHETTI SUPPER will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House. The dinner is sponsored by the youth to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. Adults $3.00; Children $1.50. Tickets available at the door.

The devotional books "THESE DAYS" for March and April are available in the narthex.

Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	22 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Youth
Mon.,	23 -	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - Parish House
Tues.,	24 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner - Parish House
Wed.,	25 -	10:00 a.m.	Winter Lecture Series Dr. Paul Cheek
		6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee

IN THIS HOUR

BAPTISM

Baptism is a very special occasion in the life of a congregation. There is much for the worshiper to observe, think, feel and do during baptism. Listen to these persons and see with whom you can identify:

David: "When I heard the pastor say, 'Christine Angela Santoros, you are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.,' a lump came to my throat. My little girl had been baptized. I hoped, in that moment, that I would be a worthy parent and would show her the love of God as she grew up in our home and in our church."

Ellen: "I have answered all kinds of questions in my life. But I don't think that I ever heard myself, I mean the sound of my voice, saying something as deep and monumental as when I answered the questions put to me at my baptism. 'Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?' had me answer 'I do.' I found myself saying to myself 'I really mean it' as my voice echoed throughout the church and within my soul."

Jake: "When persons are baptized in our church, I am always grateful that God has been at work in their lives. New persons are joining our church and we always make a special effort to welcome them into the family of God. When I join the congregation in making our baptismal vows, it makes me sensitive to the ways I help nurture and support the growth of our members in faith."

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

Barbara: "I have been a pastor for nearly twenty years. As I look back on the many baptisms during that time, I am moved by the way we have felt God's Spirit in our midst on those occasions. Through the use of water we have been reminded repeatedly of God's unconditional love and acceptance which cleanses us of our sin and unworthiness. And through those years I have seen many members fulfill their baptismal vows by ministering to others."

The worshiper remembers that baptism goes back to Jesus himself. He was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordon River. Later, Jesus told his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . ." (Matthew 28:19).

In baptism, God calls and we respond. In it, we call upon God and God responds. Our work of responding and calling is a powerful reminder that we are to be, and can be, a people of God.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of Baptism.

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT. THERE IS ONE HOPE IN GOD'S CALL TO US.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Jesus said: unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the realm of God. Paul the Apostle said: all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

THIS IS THE WATER OF BAPTISM. OUT OF THIS WATER WE RISE WITH NEW LIFE, FORGIVEN OF SIN AND ONE IN CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY.

To parent(s): Do you desire to have your child (children) baptized?

Parent(s): I/we do.

To parent(s) and sponsor(s): Do you promise, by the grace of God, to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, showing love and justice as best you are able?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

Do you promise to show this child a Christian life, grow with this child in the Christian faith, guide this child in a life of prayer, and offer this child the nurture of the Christian church?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

TO THE CONGREGATION:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and offers them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one(s) about to be baptized, as he/she/they live(s) and grow(s) in Christ?

People: WE DO.

Baptismal Hymn (sung to the tune of "Morning Has Broken")

_____, WE GREET YOU, THIS HAPPY MORNING:
YOUR DAY OF LIFE WE NOW RECOGNIZE.
HERE IS THE WATER, WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE NAME YOU, AND WITH THANKSGIVING
OFFER OUR PRAYERS, AND SING YOU THIS SONG.
WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE ARE ALL OF GOD OUR FATHER,
RISKING AND LOVING, DARING TO SEE
THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM GROWING AMONG US.
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Doxological version)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
You have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE BAPTISM

BAPTISM

By what name will your child be called?

_____, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Holy Spirit be upon you, _____, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

UNISON PRAYER

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, HOLY GOD, MOTHER AND FATHER OF ALL THE FAITHFUL, FOR THIS PERSON (THESE PERSONS) WASHED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM. EMBRACE US ALL AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE ONE HOUSEHOLD OF YOUR LOVE. GRANT US GRACE TO RECEIVE, VALUE, LOVE, SUPPORT, NURTURE AND BEFRIEND THESE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Bless these parents and these sponsors.
Grant them the patience and love to guide this child (these children) in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church.

Once you were strangers and sojourners.
NOW YOU ARE EQUALLY CITIZENS WITH US IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.
Go in the peace of Christ.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Oh, How Precious" Raymond H. Haan
Psalm 36:7

Prayer

The Sacrament of Baptism see liturgy
administered to Jefferson Eugene Martin

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Intermezzo" Hermann Schroeder

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;
Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon "Sharing God's Character" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "O May the Peace of God"
Natalie Sleeth

*Postlude "Vivace" Hermann Schroeder

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 22, 1987
Isaiah 49:6

As we hang on the edge of the twentieth century, with nuclear weapons, acid rain, terrorism, and a host of other evils threatening our existence, we can surely identify with that exiled band of Jews in Babylon. The future seems so uncertain. But Isaiah, that most brazen of prophets, speaks out in the perfect tense, as if the future has already come to pass. Our willingness to stand in the present pointing to a future of peace and justice is a sign of God's covenant.

Rev. John H. Danner
First Congregational UCC
Gloversville, NY

UNITED IN MISSION

The 1975 merger of First Presbyterian Church of Oak Park, Illinois, with neighboring First Congregational Church, in the same Chicago suburb, was not only an example of ecumenism but also an expression of mission.

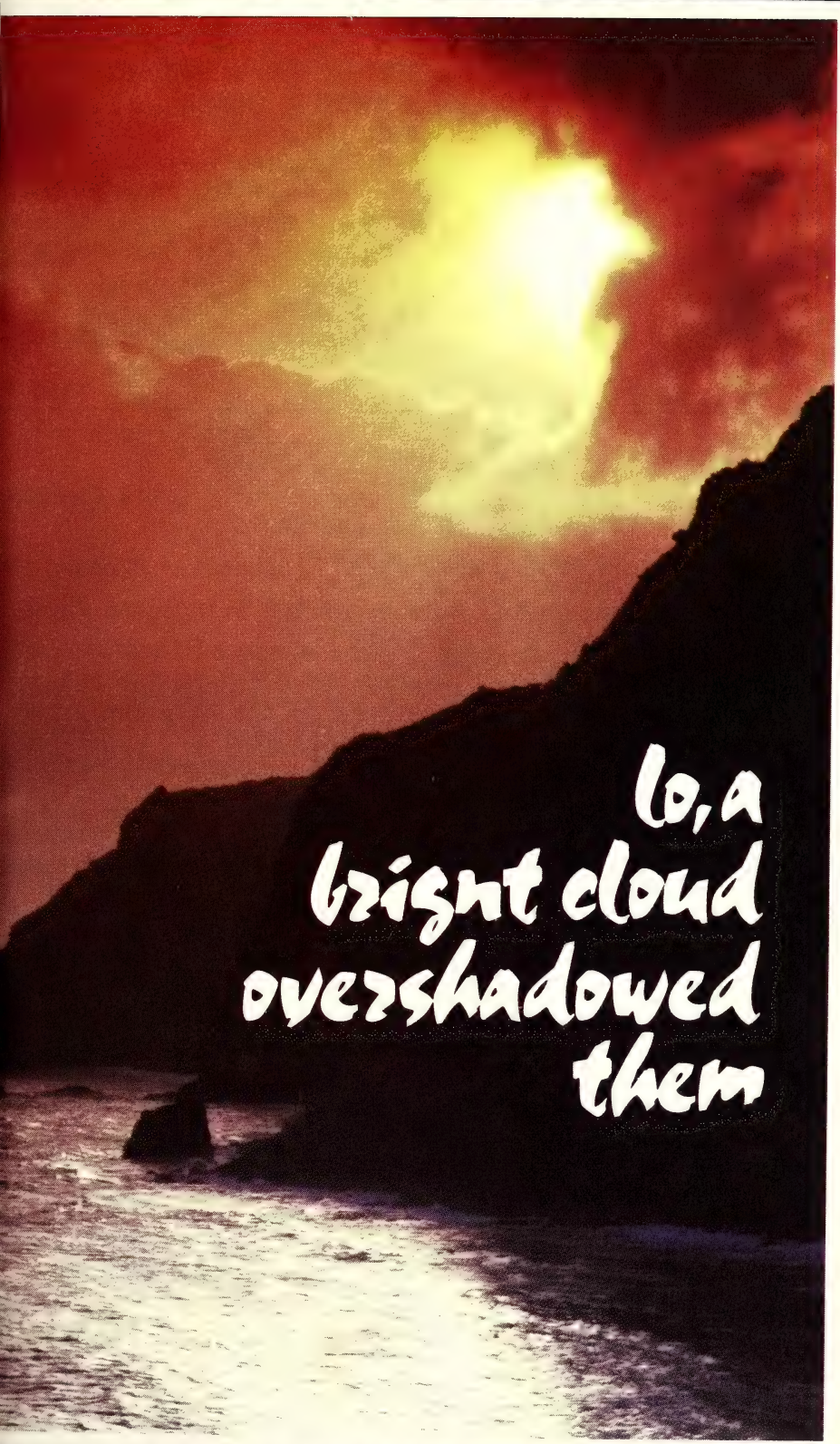
With the proceeds from the sale of surplus church property, the new First United Church of Oak Park voted to establish a Special Mission Endowment Fund. Never intended to replace the benevolence portion of the regular operating budget, the Special Mission Endowment Fund, with a value of over two million dollars, represents an additional dedication of church resources to mission.

At First United Church of Oak Park, that does not mean simply making charitable donations overseas. For its members, mission is indivisible, extending from their own community to state, nation, and world. Furthermore, these Christians do not view mission as a one-way street. "The traditional understanding of mission outreach is that mission moves primarily in one direction: from those who are able to help to those in need," they state. "But this concept has been changing in recent years to one of mutuality and interdependence, where all of those involved in mission are both providers and recipients, and each is enriched."

The First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois, is a community of Christians united in mission.

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Macon Albertson and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

March 1, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Suite on the First Tone Louis Clerambau
"Grand plein jeu and Récits"

Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Sanctus) Richard Pr

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. Morning has broken. Let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among u Let us worship God together.
P. Thanks be to God!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession
Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creati still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turnin away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One.

We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power mo than people. Forgive us, O Holy One.

Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name o Jesus. Amen.

Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 63 Psalms 3,4 p. 515

Anthem "Joys Seven" Traditional English Carol
(This delightful carol describes Mary's seven joys of her son Jesus, including His birth, miracles, His death, and resurrection.)

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "All My Hope on God Is Founded"
Text: Joachim Neander, 1680
Music: Herbert Howells, 1969

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 17:1-20

Sermon: "What Do You Do With A Burst of Glory?" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Responsive Benediction

L. Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives.
P. We go forth into growing and changing and living.
L. Let us go with caring awareness for the world and all that is in it.
P. We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.

- Benediction continued -

L. Let us go forth in peace and be led out in joy.
All: We go in God's continuing presence,
with the power to love and the strength to serve.
Amen.

*Benediction Response "O May the Peace of God"
Natalie Sleeth

*Postlude "Rigadoon" G. F. Handel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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LISTENING SO CHILDREN WILL TALK, TALKING SO CHILDREN WILL LISTEN: Communication, the foundation of good discipline.

A workshop will be held March 2nd 7 - 9 p.m. at the Elon Home in the McFarland Activities Building. It will focus on parent-child communication. Bob Stogner is the leader and cost is $3.00 for an individual and $5.00 for couples.

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SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT

LEADER: Dr. Rollin Russell, Conference Minister, Southern Conference, UCC.

WHERE AND WHEN:
Friday evening, March 13, 7:30--9:15, Parish House
Saturday, March 14, 9:00--2:30, The Lodge

COST: About $4.00, which covers a catered lunch and cost of materials. To be paid at the event. (Caterer's final figure not yet available due to Friday's weather).

Bring: Bible, pen or pencil, something to write on (booklet provided, cushion for your seat if you wish, inquiring and open mind, some spiritual hunger to grow and learn and be closer to God. Dress informally and comfortably.

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REGISTRATION

Please register me/us for the Spiritual Growth Retreat March 13-14.

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Name(s) Phone

IN THIS HOUR

DIVERSITY OF WORSHIP

O God, as I sit here this Sunday, I am aware that I am not alone. Not only am I together with other members of this congregation, but in spirit and in truth I am gathered with Christians all over the world to worship you.

There is such diversity in our worship. Even in my United Church of Christ we have very diverse understandings and ways of worshiping you. We will gather as worshiping congregations of different sizes. Some congregations will follow an order of worship which they have used for a long time; some will use an order that is different from the one they followed last Sunday. Some will use printed bulletins; others will follow the directions of the worship leader.

On this day at least fifteen different languages will be spoken in worship in United Church of Christ congregations. Some congregations will be very conscious and intentional in their effort to use language that is inclusive of persons and of the variety of ways of addressing and describing you. Some congregations will have choirs and others will rely on congregational singing. We will use different instruments to accompany our music: organ, piano, guitar, autoharp and others. We will sing a variety of hymns and use a variety of hymnals and songbooks.

Some places will have a liturgical or interpretive dance. Some will have a lay reader or worship leader assisting the pastor, while in some places the pastor leads the entire worship. Some will celebrate the sacrament of communion today as they do each Sunday, while others will celebrate today only if it is the monthly Sunday or the Sunday of the quarter set for communion.



In some settings of worship, reverence will be expressed with silence and quiet, while in others reverence will be expressed with conversation and laughter or spontaneous shouts of "amen" or "preach it." In some places the time for announcements and sharing of congregational concerns takes as long as the sermon. For some, worship will be tinged with the sorrow and anguish of loss or tragedy; for others, worship will be a celebration of joys and triumphs.

O God, such diversity overwhelms me. I have my own preferences about worship and feel more comfortable with some forms of worship than with others. But I know that you accept the worship of each worshiper and of each congregation, offered in sincerity with integrity, drawing upon the richness of many cultures, honoring rich traditions and finding new awareness of expression. Help me this day to delight in the diversity of worship in the United Church of Christ and in the church universal, just as I believe you do.

Amen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	1 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee of Women's Fellowship
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	2 -	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tues.,	3 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	4 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	5 -	8:00 p.m.	Ursinus College Choir Concert
Sat.,	7 -	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship General Meeting Parish House

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MARCH 1, 1987

Matthew 17:5

Like Peter, we are often so taken with the dazzling character of Jesus that we begin to make speeches and erect structures in his honor. But then, in the midst of our zealous responses to the presence of the Christ, we may suddenly find ourselves "overshadowed." Yet while it sometimes appears that our efforts are lost in a fog, perhaps something good is happening: hushed by God's message about Christ, we are reminded that our first task is to "listen to him" —to hear Christ's call, and walk in his way.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

DOES IT GET THERE?

When famine struck Ethiopia and other African countries in 1984, members and congregations of the United Church of Christ responded promptly and generously with gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing as well as special offerings to provide food and other essentials for our starving brothers and sisters overseas.

In that desperate situation, we could not even pause to ask for assurances that the supplies would get through. Now that the immediate suffering has been alleviated, there is time for such questions.

The reassuring answer comes from Dan Nagengast of Church World Service, the ecumenical agency through which many of our gifts are channeled.

"Church World Service procedures guarantee that the material is handled responsibly from collection to final distribution. Colleague agencies (partner churches or ecumenical organizations) are required to obtain duty-free importation permits before the material is even loaded aboard ship. Copies of bills of lading are forwarded to the colleague agency, which is responsible for verifying the shipment at off-loading and reporting any loss or damage for claims to be made on the shipper.

"Normally it is the colleague agency, which has identified the need and initiated the request, that does final distribution. By working through colleague agencies, overhead costs are kept at a minimum, and honesty is assured.

"But, more importantly, people are helped in their darkest hour, because the food does get there."

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
and Liturgist today
Scott Dollar and Rob Woody, Acolytes today

March 8, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Meditation on "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"
Leo Sowe

Introit "Lord, Have Mercy" from Missa Archangelus
Larry K

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. We follow Christ
P. Who says, "Take up your cross."
L. We follow Christ
P. Who bids us come and die.
L. We follow Christ
P. Who summons us to new life.
L. Come, let us worship our God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

*Hymn 6 "O Worship the King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession
Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followe too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought not to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have don

IN THIS HOUR

HOLY COMMUNION

These members of the adult church school class are discussing Holy Communion. Which one of their views or combination of them is closest to your present understanding?

Ted: "I've always called it 'holy communion' because whenever we celebrate this sacrament, I feel that I'm in communion with God in Jesus Christ. I sense a closeness that isn't anything like other experiences I have when we worship on Sunday."

Jennifer: "It certainly can mean that for me, too. But there is another dimension that takes on special character for me. It's being in communion with other Christians, being one of them."

Ella: "For me, it is a time of thankful recollection of how God allowed Jesus' body to be broken and his blood to be spilled so that, by that act, I am able to be forgiven my sins."

Eric: "I find that whenever I eat the bread and drink from the cup that it is like eating and drinking at the great banquet of God's promised future, a time when God's reign will be complete. It reminds me of God's promise that all of the brokenness in the world and in the lives of people will be healed. And that gives me hope."

Sarah: "One of the things that has come to mean a great deal to me is the understanding that observing the Lord's Supper is like preaching in that it is proclaiming Jesus Christ in a way a sermon can't do."

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

Leo: "So much of the worship service is verbal and is directed to our minds. In communion, I am reminded through the physical symbols of bread and wine that God cares about the physical world and the conditions in which human beings live. I am inspired to work for a world in which people have enough to eat, are treated justly, and can live in peace."

Now then, which one or combination of these answers is closest to your present understanding? Whatever your answer is, it has a great deal of influence over the expectations you bring when you celebrate Holy Communion during worship.

Each of the statements are understandable in that they have a basis in scripture and, because of that, have been a part of what the Church has taught over the centuries. You may find it helpful to read the following biblical passages:

Matthew 26:26-29
1 Corinthians 11:23-29
Acts 2:42
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Part of the work of the worshiper is growth in understanding the meaning of Holy Communion. The understandings challenge and nurture a worshiper to move beyond a more limited view to one which deepens and broadens the act of eating bread and drinking from the cup at the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

eader: We welcome into the membership of our church today the following person(s). . . . . by . . . . . Friends, we greet you in Christ's name and Spirit. You come not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We welcome you to the worship and work of Elon College Community Church. We invite you to become a part of Christ's mission among us and through us.

eople: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

eader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

ew Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

nison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

eader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

UCC SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT I(a)

INVITATION

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THIS IS THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. MEN AND WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN, COME FROM THE EAST AND THE WEST, FROM THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, AND GATHER ABOUT CHRIST'S TABLE.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news.

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Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory..... (a sentence or two appropriate to the particular season of the church year may be added here.)

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

> HOLY, HOLY, HOLY GOD OF LOVE AND MAJESTY, THE WHOLE UNIVERSE SPEAKS OF YOUR GLORY, O GOD MOST HIGH. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

> CHRIST'S DEATH, O GOD, WE PROCLAIM. CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WE DECLARE. CHRIST'S COMING WE AWAIT. GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

> BE PRESENT WITH US AS WE SHARE THIS MEAL, AND THROUGHOUT ALL OUR LIVES, THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU AS THE HOLY ONE, WHO WITH CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, LIVES FOR EVER. AMEN.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

et us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

he bread which we break is the communion of the body of hrist.

he cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the lood of Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD:
HAVE MERCY ON US.
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HAVE MERCY ON US.
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD:
GRANT US PEACE.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

ne gifts of God for the people of God.
ome, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

ake and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen!

ake and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant,
oured out for you.

Amen!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF OUR SAVIOR'S PRESENCE IN THE SIMPLICITY AND SPLENDOR OF THIS HOLY MEAL. UNITE US WITH ALL WHO ARE FED BY CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR LOVE, AND THAT YOUR UNIVERSAL CHURCH MAY BE A RAINBOW OF HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR REDEEMER. AMEN.

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RESOLVING CONFLICTS AND PROBLEM SOLVING IN THE FAMILY. A workshop will be held March 9th 7-9 p.m. at the Elon Home in the McFarland Activities Building. Lead by Judith Bobo, it will focus on conflict resolution skills. Cost is $3.00 for an individual and $5.00 for couples.

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

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		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
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Tues.,	10 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL

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Weekly Calendar Con't.

Wed.,	11 -	10:00 a.m.	Winter Lecture Series
		6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri.,	13 -	7:30 p.m.	RETREAT - Parish House
Sat.,	14 -	9:00 a.m.	RETREAT - Parish House

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GIRL SCOUTS
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TRADITION WITH A FUTURE

Have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to the promises declared to all persons in Christ Jesus. And grant, O most merciful God, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 77 Psalm 40 p. 522

Anthem "O How Amiable" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Reception of New Members see insert

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Meditation" Peter Hurford

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of the Month 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 130; Psalm 51:6

Meditation "Heartfelt Prayer" Dr. Irvine

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (using Service of Word and Sacrament 1-a from UCC Book of Worship--see insert)

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 335 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "The Lord's Prayer" from Missa Archangelus Larry King

*Postlude "Impromptu" Arnold Cooke

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 1987
Matthew 4:4

It is essential for us to know wherein our faith is grounded, if it is to be faith at all. Many suppose that the secret of faith is in an ability to quote from the Scriptures, but the Temptation story shows that both Jesus *and* Satan have that ability. Knowing *that* "it is written" is important, but Christ's responses remind us that our faith does not rest on the words themselves, or even on the ideas behind the words, but on the God who addresses us through the words.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Temptation comes in many forms. For Eve and Adam it was luscious fruit that promised wisdom. For Jesus it was bread to feed the body but not the soul; it was angels coming at his beck and call; it was the kingdoms of the world at his command.

For us twentieth-century Christians the temptations may come in different guises, but their substance is much the same. We, too, are drawn to the lure of unlimited knowledge, the appeal of possessions which feed our desires, the fantasy of telling God what to do, the promise of power over others. Human nature has not changed much over the centuries.

When we fall to temptation we cannot be surprised if, like Adam and Eve, our relationship with God grows distant and our tranquility is shattered. Sin erodes our peace of mind and eats away at our bonds to loved ones and to God.

But just as we sin by the law, so God redeems us through grace. Through his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave, Jesus brought grace abundant to all of us who fail. In this one person, God has transformed human history and bestowed on us the free gift of righteousness.

As we begin our Lenten journey, our call is not only to acknowledge and name our temptations, but to embrace and proclaim God's powerful gift of forgiveness, for "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." Praise God for the gift!

Rev. Ann Asper Wilson
St. Paul United Church of Christ
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SO LOVED
THE WORLD

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Katie and Jamie Brown, Acolytes today

March 15, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" Alec W
Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord" Richard Pr

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Be still, and know that God is.
P. God was, also, in the beginning.
L. And when human striving has ceased, God will still b
P. From everlasting to everlasting, God is God
and alone is worthy to be worshiped.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 21 "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, whose salvation is never far from the contrite heart: hear our confession of sin, and have mercy upon us. For our many refusals of your call; for all our forgotten vows; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives; for our readiness to blame others; for our selfish luxuries amid the oppression and sorrows of life; for the pleadings of your spirit to which we have not harkened, have mercy upon us. Amen.

IN THIS HOUR

SYMBOLISM AND WORSHIP

Symbols are objects, words, and sounds used to represent meanings. For example, when a Christian sees a cross—a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—a collage of memories, beliefs, feelings, and faith is evoked. A symbol points to something beyond itself and conveys meaning other than what is immediately apparent.

The use of symbols is long standing in the life of the Christian community. Early Christians, for instance, wore signet-rings with the image of the anchor. The anchor was a symbol of hope, of God's promise to the faithful "as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Hebrews 6:18-19).

Your work as a worshiper takes place in the midst of a feast of symbols, including:

- the water of baptism
- the open Bible
- the table
- the baptismal font
- the candles
- the standing, sitting, kneeling
- the holding of hands
- the stained-glass windows
- the procession
- the altar
- the use of space
- the order of worship
- the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper
- the pulpit
- the cross
- the vestments
- the colors
- the banners
- the laying on of hands
- the cup
- the choir
- the robes
- the architecture
- the kiss of peace



Symbols in the worship setting are there to enrich the worship experience of those present. Some of the symbols lead our minds to think about certain ideas and beliefs or to be reminded about important events or meanings in the history of the Christian faith. Other symbols speak to our emotions and help to create moods and feelings within us.

You, the worshiper, play a crucial role in giving life to symbols. It is important to notice all of your surroundings. Be aware of the thoughts which come to mind as your eyes move from object to object. Be sensitive to your feelings and mood.

Everyone does not relate the same way to all Christian symbols. Some symbols are constant—the cross, the Bible, the altar—and are more meaningful to some people. Others appreciate the changing symbols, such as those noting a particular season. Still, there is a richness of Christian symbols surrounding the worshiper which can profoundly impact your worship experience.

Suggestions

- Take notice of all the symbols in your worship setting.
- Pick out a different symbol each Sunday and concentrate on it that day.
- See the symbol as something related to your own life.
- Talk to your pastor or read a book on Christian symbols when you see a symbol you don't understand.
- Think about the symbol's role for persons who cannot hear the words or understand the theological debates.
- Talk with other worshipers about symbols that are meaningful to them.

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CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

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by . . . . . .
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	15 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Middle High Youth
Mon.,	16 -	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics Class
Tues.,	17 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
		3.30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	18 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	19 -	10:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 76 Psalm 37 p. 521

Anthem "O God, Have Mercy" Henry Purcell

Reception of New Members see insert

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving" Johannes Brahms

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Introduction to Hymn of the Month for Lent

*Hymn of the Month 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 1:2-2:12, Romans 8:26-27

Sermon "Linking Prayer" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

Benediction

Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

Postlude "Fugue on the Kyrie" Francois Couperin

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 1987

John 3:16

We often think of these as Christmas words; we paraphrase them as "God loved the world to this extent." But these are Lenten words, too: "God loved the world in this way." It is not just the depth of God's love, but the manner of loving, that should touch us. God's love in Christ is not given to a few, but to the whole world. God's love in Christ is not given from surplus, but from self and substance. God's love in Christ is not given for the sake of love itself, but for the sake of our eternal life.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

LIVING IN THE PROMISED LAND

Our nation was founded in the midst of struggle for freedom and justice. It emerged as a "city set on a hill," a land of promise for all people. Its early settlers formed a covenant of mutual aid and support. Ever since, our nation has been the promised land for millions of people from around the world. Yet, it is still not the promised land for *all* people.

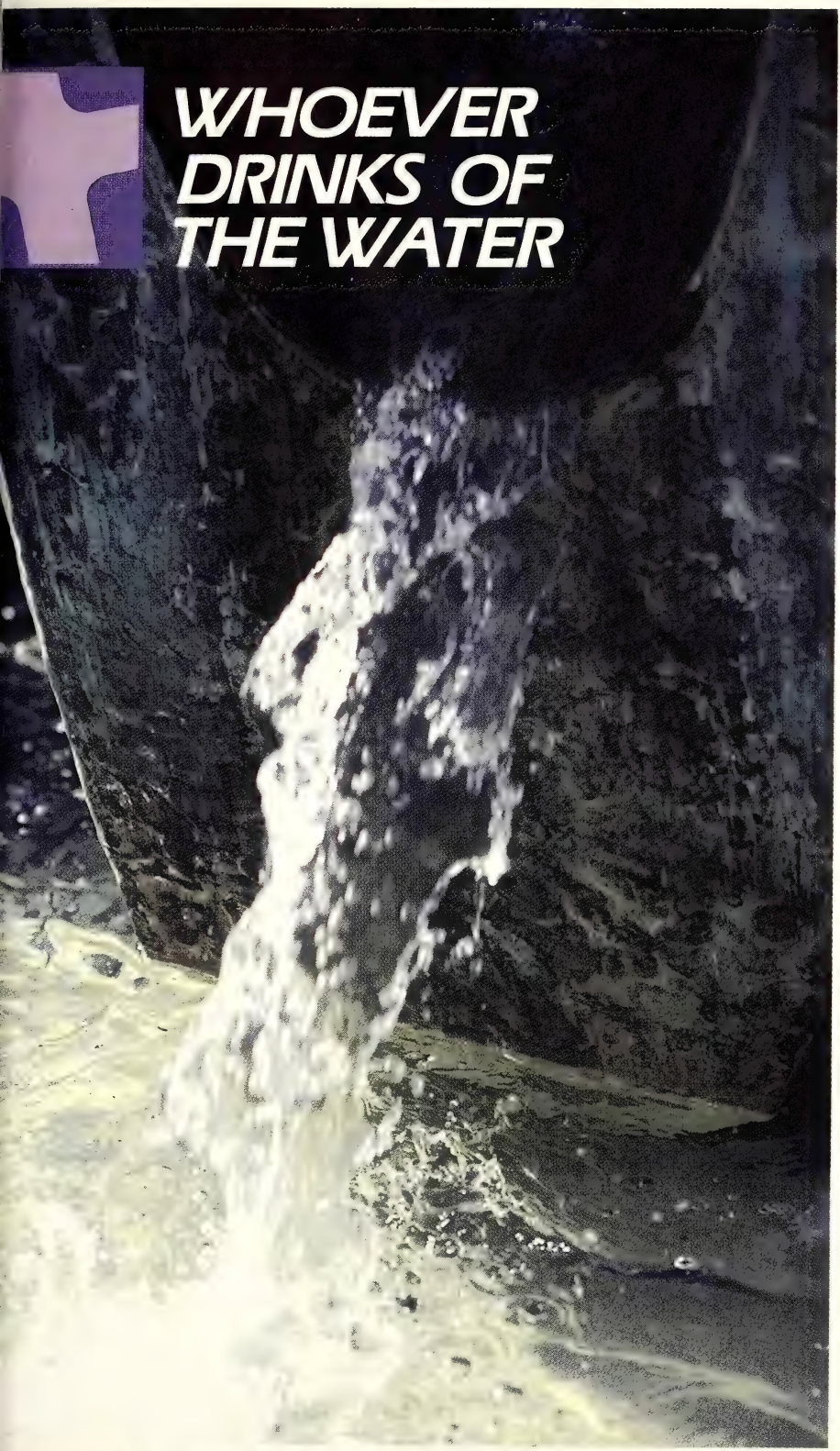
In 1846 the American Missionary Association was established by people struggling to achieve a nation without caste or slavery—a nation in which everyone had a home. It asserted that Christianity could not tolerate the conditions of slavery. The AMA persevered in this dedication, and it prevailed.

Today we face a different struggle. At a time when many in America enjoy economic affluence and social advantage, many others suffer under the burden of poverty and hopelessness. We have abolished caste and slavery, but we have yet to achieve conditions of liberty and justice for all. We continue to hope for the promised land.

The American Missionary Association today is a division of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. We are a mission arm of the United Church of Christ devoted to uniting people of faith with the hopeless, the homeless, and the exiles in a mutual struggle for the community of promise. We seek a nation in which those conditions fundamental to human existence and dignity are available to all people.

Rev. Theodore H. Erickson
General Secretary
American Missionary Association

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Ryan Harris and Travis Loy, Acolytes today
John Barbee, Liturgist today

March 22, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O Man, Bewail Thy Grevious Sins" J.S.

Introit "Lamb of God" Gerald

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come to this time of worship in reverent awe.
P. The place where we are standing is holy ground.
L. Know the presence and power of the living God.
P. God comes to us as a burning fire that does not consume, a revelation bringing warmth and vitalit
L. We have known God throughout our history.
P. Yet there is so much of God we do not know. God's purposes are so far beyond our understandin
L. Now in these moments we would be open to the unexpected.
P. Come, Holy Spirit, that we may respond. Disciplı and cultivate us, that our lives may bear fruit.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession
Forgive us, O God, if we have taken the gifts of life for granted, without giving thanks, without sharing.

IN THIS HOUR

THE SYMBOLISM OF COLOR IN WORSHIP

As you sit in the church today, look around you for the ways in which color is used. Are there colors in the windows of the sanctuary? Are there any banners with colors? Are there colored cloths hanging on the altar, pulpit, or lectern? Does the minister have on a colored robe or is he or she wearing colored stoles?

These are all typical ways in which color is present in the worship place of a congregation. There are several reasons for the colors:

1. Sometimes it seems that the worship experience is geared only to the ear—listening to words and music. **But color engages the eye and is an avenue to the heart.** Color can help to establish a mood for the service.

2. **Colors have taken on meaning, so they communicate to our minds as well.** For example, red, because it is the color of fire, has come to be a symbol for the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. This color is recorded in Acts 2:

> When the day of *Pentecost* had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of *fire*, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the *Holy Spirit*. . . ."



3. **Color also is a means for communicating movement and change.** Thus, the changing seasons of the church year are noted by changing colors. These changes can be observed in the changing of the colors of the hangings on the altar, pulpit or lectern or in the changing of the colors of the stoles worn by the minister. Therefore, we have the following seasons and colors:

> Advent uses **violet** which is a symbol of penance, or **purple** which is a symbol of royalty noting the birth of Jesus the King.
>
> **White** is the symbol of joy, purity, resurrection and new life and is used for the great festival days of the Church—Christmas and Easter. White is continued after Christmas until the beginning of Lent, and after Easter until Pentecost.
>
> **Violet** is the color of Lent symbolizing these days of penance and introspection. **Black** is used for Good Friday.
>
> **Green**, the color of nature, is the color for growth and for ordinary occasions. It is used for the long summer and fall period from Pentecost to Advent.

As the worshiper develops an awareness of the surroundings of the worship setting, these surroundings, including the colors all around, enhance the feelings, the thoughts and the participation of the worshiper in worship.

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THE YOUTH will gather in the front parking lot at 1:15 p.m. to go to Carolina Circle Mall in Greensboro for ice skating. Please bring $4.50 to cover skate rental and admission.

Copies of the March Issue of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS are available in the narthex.

WEEKLEY CALENDAR

Sun.,	22 -	9:45 a.m. Church School
		10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m. Worship Service
		12:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
		1:15 p.m. Youth meet for Ice Skating
Mon.,	23 -	7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
Tues.,	24 -	7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet
Wed.,	25 -	10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
Thurs:	26 -	10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
		7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

NO CHILDREN'S OR ADULT CHOIR ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK DUE TO SPRING BREAK.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of Baptism.

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT. THERE IS ONE HOPE IN GOD'S CALL TO US.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Jesus said: unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the realm of God. Paul the Apostle said: all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

THIS IS THE WATER OF BAPTISM. OUT OF THIS WATER WE RISE WITH NEW LIFE, FORGIVEN OF SIN AND ONE IN CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY.

To parent(s): Do you desire to have your child (children) baptized?

Parent(s): I/we do.

To parent(s) and sponsor(s): Do you promise, by the grace of God, to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, showing love and justice as best you are able?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

Do you promise to show this child a Christian life, grow with this child in the Christian faith, guide this child in a life of prayer, and offer this child the nurture of the Christian church?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

TO THE CONGREGATION:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and offers them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one(s) about to be baptized, as he/she/they live(s) and grow(s) in Christ?

People: WE DO.

Baptismal Hymn (sung to the tune of "Morning Has Broken"

_____, WE GREET YOU, THIS HAPPY MORNING:
YOUR DAY OF LIFE WE NOW RECOGNIZE.
HERE IS THE WATER, WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE NAME YOU, AND WITH THANKSGIVING
OFFER OUR PRAYERS, AND SING YOU THIS SONG.
WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE ARE ALL OF GOD OUR FATHER,
RISKING AND LOVING, DARING TO SEE
THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM GROWING AMONG US.
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Doxological version)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
You have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE BAPTISM

BAPTISM

By what name will your child be called?

_____, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
May the Holy Spirit be upon you, _____, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

UNISON PRAYER

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, HOLY GOD, MOTHER AND FATHER OF ALL THE FAITHFUL, FOR THIS PERSON (THESE PERSONS) WASHED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM. EMBRACE US ALL AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE ONE HOUSEHOLD OF YOUR LOVE. GRANT US GRACE TO RECEIVE, VALUE, LOVE, SUPPORT, NURTURE AND BEFRIEND THESE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Bless these parents and these sponsors.
Grant them the patience and love to guide this child (these children) in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church.

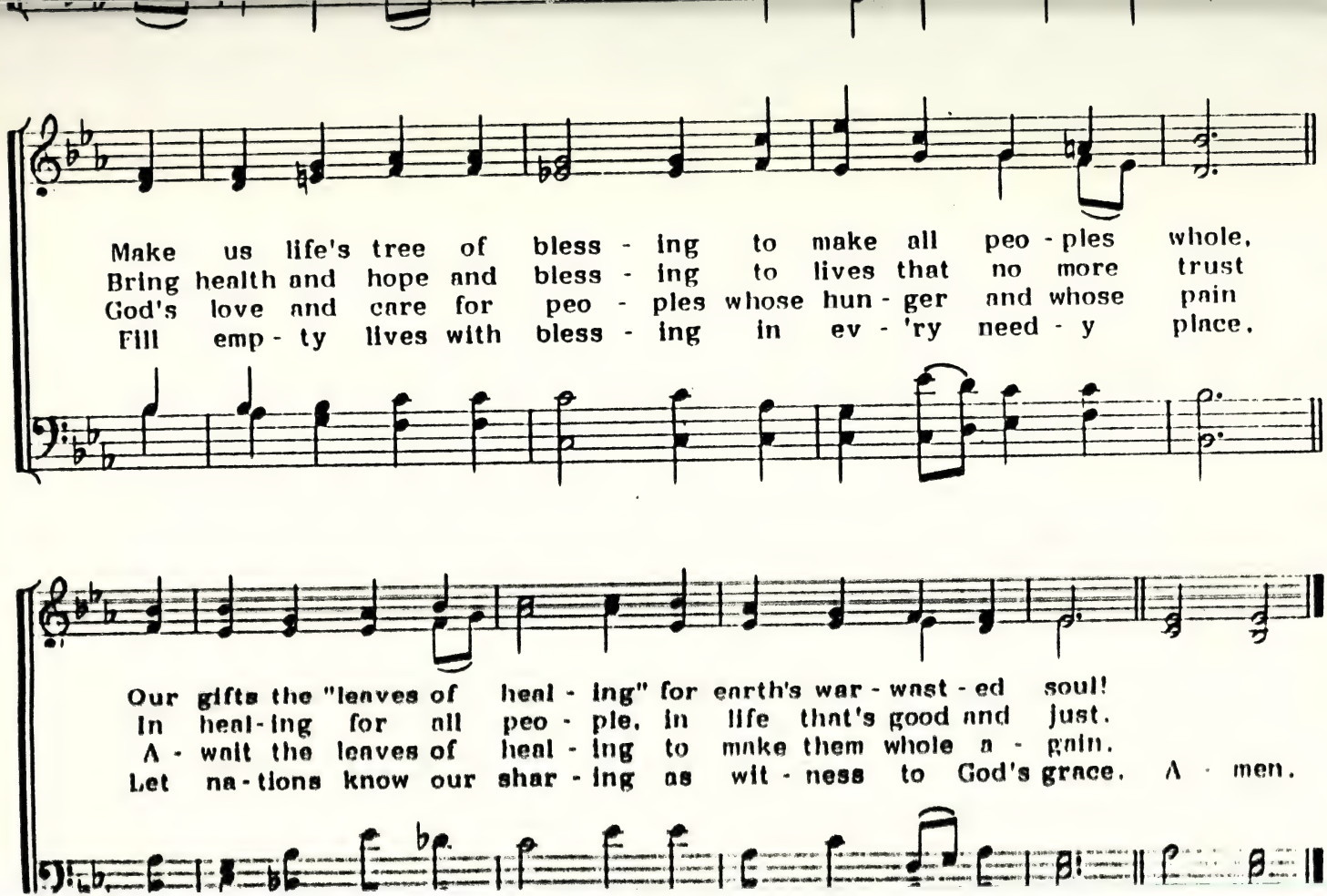
Once you were strangers and sojourners.
NOW YOU ARE EQUALLY CITIZENS WITH US IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.
Go in the peace of Christ.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

We Hear God's Call to Service

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Make us life's tree of bless - ing to make all peo - ples whole,
Bring health and hope and bless - ing to lives that no more trust
God's love and care for peo - ples whose hun - ger and whose pain
Fill emp - ty lives with bless - ing in ev - 'ry need - y place.
Our gifts the "leaves of heal - ing" for earth's war - wast - ed soul!
In heal - ing for all peo - ple, in life that's good and just.
A - wait the leaves of heal - ing to make them whole a - gain.
Let na - tions know our shar - ing as wit - ness to God's grace. A - men.

Forgive us, Holy One, if we have refused to hear your voice within our hearts or through the prophets of our day. Help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be worthy to share in the bounty of your realm; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 85 Psalm 72 p. 526

Anthem "Just As I Am" Robert Powell

Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism for Rebecca Lynn Perry
using liturgy on blue sheet

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" J.S. Bach

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of the Month "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #153
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:1-14; James 5:13-18

Sermon "Fruitful Prayer" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

One Great Hour of Sharing Hymn see insert

Benediction

Choral Response "Chimes"

Postlude "Prelude in c minor" J.S. Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 1987
John 4:14

In a culture with house siding that never needs paint and floor coverings that never need wax, a drink that eliminates thirst should be popular. But the water Jesus offers does not really put an end to all thirst; rather, it makes itself inexhaustibly available to slake every thirst that arises. Christ does not deny our deep longing for life by giving us a potion that makes us indifferent to it, but provides us with "living water"—a new life that not only satisfies us now but replenishes itself, and us, forever.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

MINISTRIES OF HEALING

The logo of the Chang Hua Christian Hospital, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, symbolizes Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. In a mission hospital in Bangladesh, this scene is reenacted dramatically by a young man squatting to cleanse the infected feet of men suffering from nerve damage caused by neglected leprosy.

At a rural public health program in Jamhked, India, operated by Drs. Raj and Marybelle Arole, an illiterate village health worker uses a song to tell of her life. She sings about how she and the other village women were "stones in the field" until they were touched by the rural health program and became "living persons."

Pauline King, a United Church of Christ medical missionary in Vellore, India, has long been concerned about these "stones in the field"—not only poor women, but sick and homeless children and lonely older adults. At the Family Village Farm, a community of cottages surrounded by fields that provide food, all find the family sense of belonging that they need.

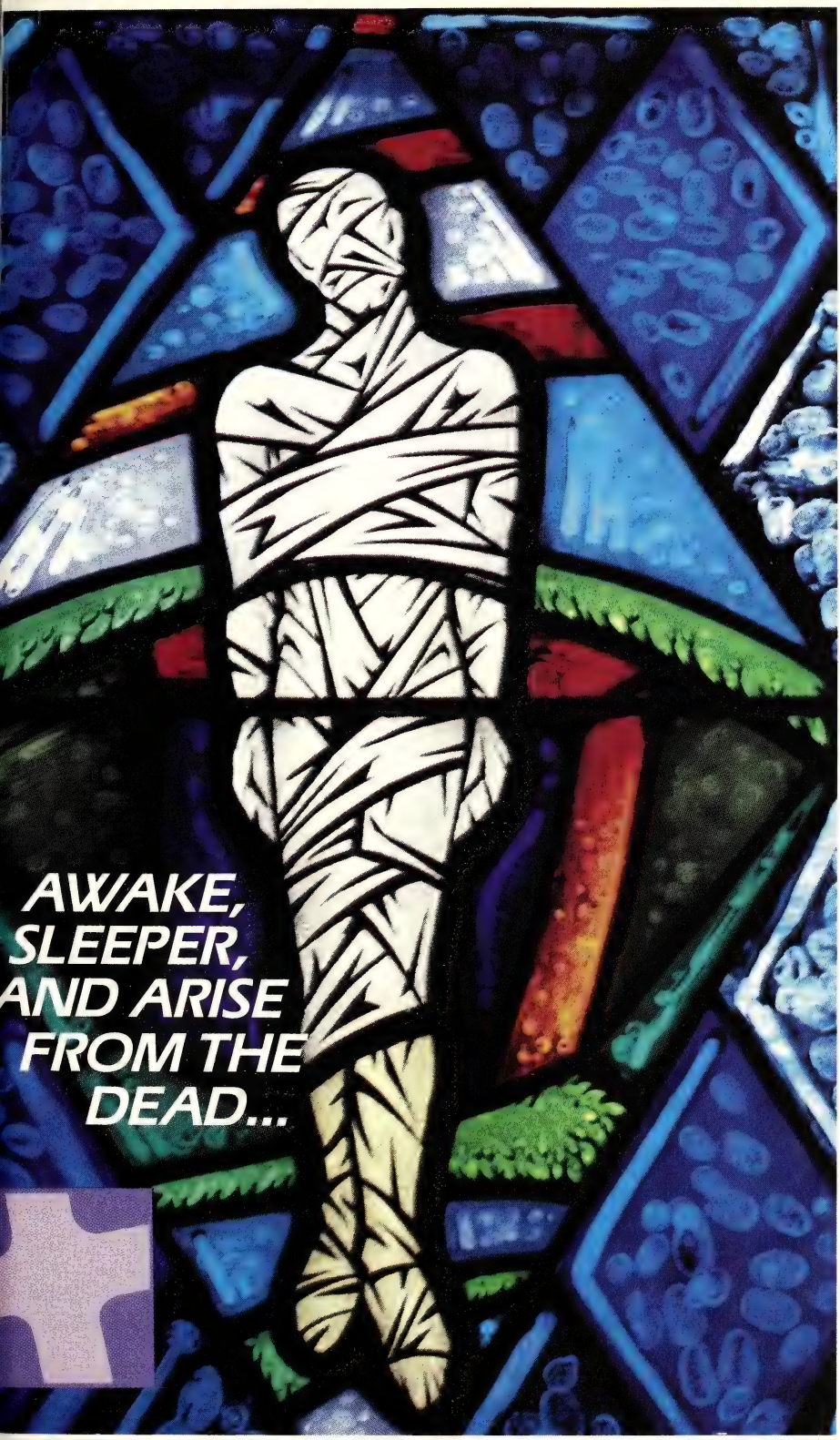
These modern-day Ezekiels, emerging from their valley of dry bones and experiencing new life coming upon them through the Spirit of God, testify to the compassionate love of Jesus for the sick, and of the reality of the ministries of healing we support with our gifts.

Paul S. Crane, M.D.
Director of Health Ministries
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AWAKE, SLEEPER, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD...

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Shannon Albertson, Acolyte today

March 29, 1987 11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here." Take these few minutes of quiet time to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you; the spirit. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind. Focus on feeling, on being. Be receptive to your center--your reservior of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

Prelude "Wondrous Love" David N. John
Nancy Thomas, guest organist

Introit "Jesus, Lamb of God" Gerald N

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

*Hymn 38 "Morning Has Broken"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Because we have seen pain without being moved, because we forget your love with solemn pride, and because we pass by

ppy before poverty and sadness: Lord have mercy on us.
r speaking of love without loving our sister or brother,
r speaking of faith without living your word, and because
live without seeing our personal evil, our sin: Christ
ve mercy on us. For our tranquility in our affluent
fe, for our great falseness in preaching about poverty,
d for wanting to make excuses for injustice and misery:
rd have mercy on us. Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

ayer

chem "All My Hope on God is Founded" Herbert Howells

Time With Children

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Lord, when did we see you?
I live in a small town in California. There was a flood. It covered everyone's houses, except for the chimneys. Out of fifty people, seventeen drowned in the flood. A couple of my relatives died. I feel scared and sad.

Lord, when did we see you scared and lonely?
A tornado hit our city. My family took shelter in our basement. After the tornado I went upstairs and I didn't see my house. Everything was gone except my bed!

Lord, When did we give you shelter?
I Live in Africa. We have many diseases here. Some of them can make you die. It hurts me to watch the people suffer because I know there are medicines for those diseases. How can we get the medicine?

Lord, when did we see you sick or dying?
People are starving in Africa, too. We cannot escape the hunger. We try to plow, but nothing comes up. And when we do get food, we dare not eat it because it is the last we have.

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you not?
Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not for me.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Wondrous Love" Gordon Youn

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Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of the Month 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 18:1-8

Sermon "Unanswered Prayer" Dr. Irvin

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*One Great Hour of Sharing Hymn see inser

*Benediction

*Postlude "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" J.S. Bac

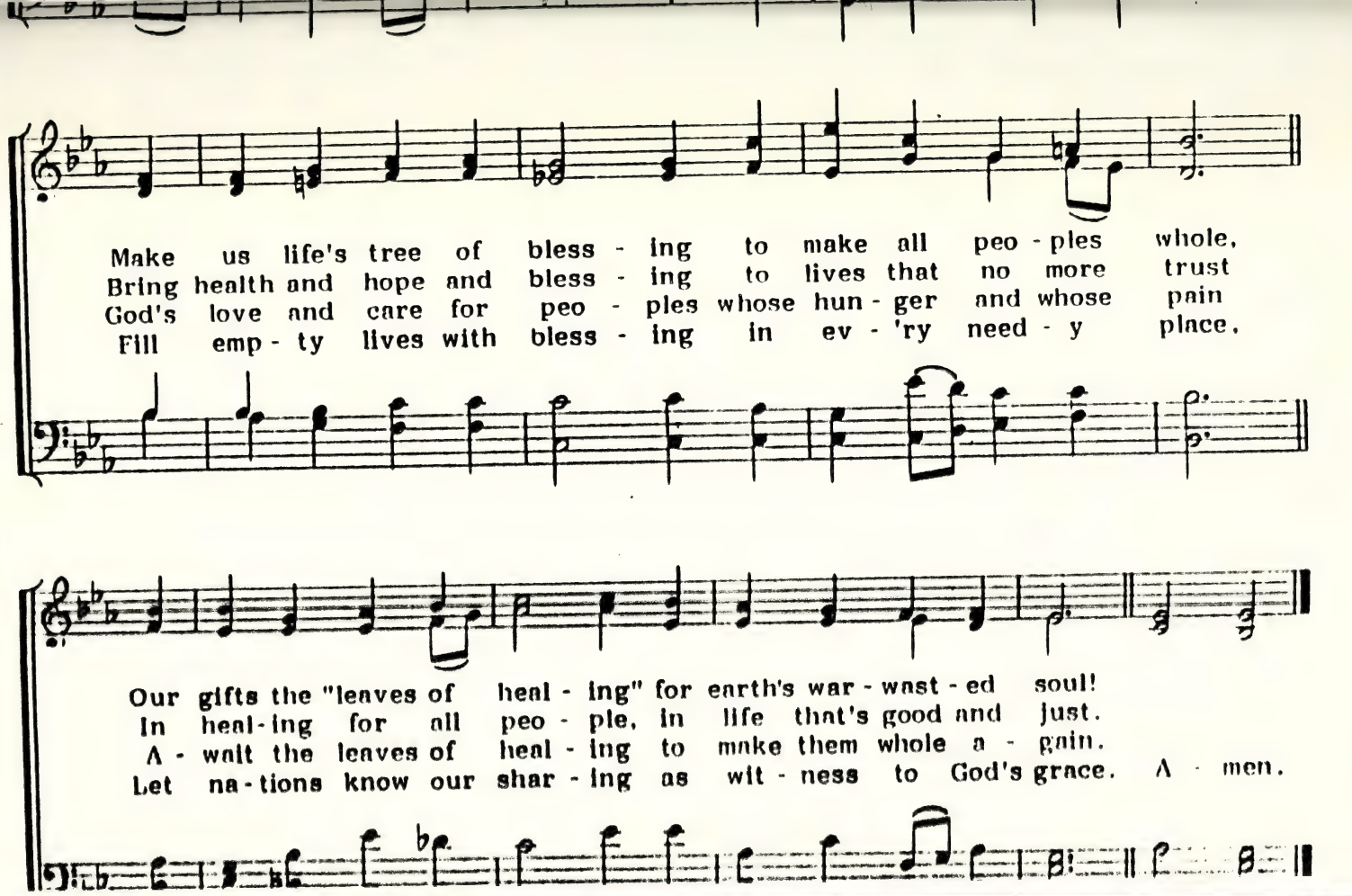
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Make us life's tree of bless - ing to make all peo - ples whole,
Bring health and hope and bless - ing to lives that no more trust
God's love and care for peo - ples whose hun - ger and whose pain
Fill emp - ty lives with bless - ing in ev - 'ry need - y place.
Our gifts the "leaves of heal - ing" for earth's war - wast - ed soul!
In heal - ing for all peo - ple, in life that's good and just.
A - wait the leaves of heal - ing to make them whole a - gain.
Let na - tions know our shar - ing as wit - ness to God's grace. A - men.

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Copies of a new MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY are available in the narthex and the church office.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	29 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	30 -	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	31 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	ORGAN RECITAL
Wed.,	1 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	2 -	10:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 1987
Ephesians 5:14

"Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily; life is but a dream." The old nursery round suggests that all is well if we gently row our boats down the stream—"go with the flow." But Paul suggests that acquiescence to the world's values is more than dreamy sleep; it is a death from which we must arise. What most of us understand as life *is* but a dream: fleeting, confused, and forgettable. We are called to a new life brightened by Christ: enlightened in character, illumined by love, aglow with joy.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

CHILDREN OF WAR

The war uprooted them. Taking only what they could carry, they fled. At night, they traveled on foot. During the day, they hid from the deadly aircraft. Finally they crossed the Pakistani border and found safety in the refugee camps. Such has been the experience of thousands of Afghans.

Not only men and women have endured this nightmare. Children—sometimes even orphaned children—are refugees, too.

Guy and Barbara (Muffie) Alling, United Church Board for World Ministries missionaries, are working with the Christian Hospitals Refugee Extension project in Mansehra, Pakistan, near the Afghanistan border. Their ministry is supported by One Great Hour of Sharing.

An experienced public health administrator, Guy directs a team of ninety physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals who serve nine refugee camps.

Muffie, a licensed practical nurse, is helping to establish "Under-Fives" clinics to serve the most vulnerable refugees—pre-school-age children.

In one of the camps, she writes, "a three-year-old girl showed how she hid when a fighter plane was seen overhead . . . . At three years of age, she knew enough to identify the airplane, and then run for shelter if it was a fighter."

As we prepare to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, Muffie Alling writes: "I wish everyone could look into the eyes of that beautiful three-year-old whose life has already known so many shadows. Would we do more? I think so!"

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Macon Albertson and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

April 5, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude De Profundis: Out of the Depths Have I
Cried Unto Thee Jean Lan

Introit When the church of Jesus shuts it outer door,
Lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of pr
May our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more
That the world we banish is our Christian care

Ralph Vaughan Wil

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are summoned here by our holy God,
who calls us each by name
and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Chri
P. From classroom and kitchen and workplace,
we are called into God's presence.
Young and old and middle-aged,
individuals and families, softspoken and outspok
we hear our names being called to join in worshi
L. This house of worship is a place
to pursue God's vision for all people:
unity and joy and faith expressed
through different gifts. Let us worship together!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

*Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Owings and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	5 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Middle High Youth
		4:00 p.m.	Committee of Stewardship and Mission
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	6 -	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2 - Church
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3 - Gertrude Liscum
Tues.,	7 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4 - Church
Wed.,	8 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

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EASTER BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. Parish House

Please make _____ Easter Breakfast reservations for me and my family.

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A donation will be received to cover expenses.

*Hymn 374 "In the Hour of Trial"
(Children leave afterward for Children's Church downstairs)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43-6:15

Sermon "How to Pray" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

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*Benediction "Now the Silence" Carl F. Schalk

*Postlude "O Lamb of God, Unspotted"
Johann Sebastian Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Responsive Prayer of Confession: Responsive Reading 80 (Psalm 51, page 523)

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "God, Be Merciful To Me" (Ave verum) Gabriel Fauré

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Choral Prelude: "When Adam Fell the Human Race" Augustus Homilius

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 5, 1987
Romans 8:6

To have one's *heart* set on a thing is to desire it deeply. And certainly Paul makes a compelling case for desiring to be "in the Spirit"—to be part of the community of faith. But desire is not enough; Paul urges us to have our *minds* set on that Spirit. When we set our minds on something, we do not stop at merely wanting it, but commit ourselves to having it. It is not as we wish for life and peace that we find them, but as we act—controlled by the Spirit—in ways to affirm them, choose them, embrace them, create them.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

CHARITY AND JUSTICE

Like the poor in other cities, residents of the lower Roxbury and Codman Square neighborhoods in Boston need assistance—public and private. Through the years, the City Mission Society (CMS) of Boston has helped provide it, in ways ranging from fuel for families whose heat has been turned off to children's recreational programs.

Charity is an important part of CMS programs, as Valerie E. Russell, its president, points out. But charity without justice is only a band-aid. That is why the City Mission Society also supports community organization for empowerment in the two neighborhoods.

With a planning grant from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, CMS established the Urban Action Resource Center in 1983. With support from the Massachusetts Conference, as well as individual congregations, today skilled and dedicted community organizers are building self-help networks, and providing leadership and technical training, so that residents of these disadvantaged neighborhoods can become their own advocates. At the same time, the Urban Action Resource Center seeks to spark cooperative church efforts at partnership with the urban poor.

The Urban Action Resource Center is only the latest expression of the City Mission Society's 170 years of continuing commitment to cooperate with the urban poor "to fashion a vision of wholeness of human life against the realities of economic, racial, and social injustice . . . and to work with the urban poor towards the fulfillment of that vision."

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Scott Dollar and Katie Brown, Acolytes today

April 12, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Song of Sorrow" Jean Langl

Introit

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us."
P. Behold our God who comes riding on a donkey, the ruler who dares to be last rather than first!

Invocation

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness to justice an truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyo else is doing so--but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folk involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask y to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guil Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

ıtroduction to the drama of Christ's Passion

ayer for Illumination

)RSHIP FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Narrator: Dr. J. Earl Danieley
Peter figure (also repentant criminal): The Rev. John G. Truitt, Jr.
Judas figure (also unrepentant criminal): The Rev. Richard McBride
Pilate figure (also Pharisee and Joseph of Arimathea): Dr. William J. Andes
Tenor Soloist: Dr. Chalmers Brumbaugh
Drums: Chip McCraw
Dancer: Miss Kimberly Batchellor

The congregation will remain seated during the pro-
essional hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" in order that
ıe procession may be more easily observed. This hymn
#155 in the hymnal) should be sung from the script rather
ıan the hymnal as the text has been rearranged into five
tanzas from the hymnal's three. These five are sung in
vo groups: three, and later two.

The congregation will also remain seated for the
econd hymn, "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (#158 in the hymnal).
ıis hymn also should be sung from the script, as the three
tanzas are more widely spaced, and the middle stanza's
)rds are different in part from those in the hymnal.

The congregation will stand for the singing of the
nal hymn after the Passion drama ends.

Worshippers are invited to leave their offerings in
ıe plate on the table in the Narthex as they depart from
)rship today.

ymn 358 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

enediction

*All who can may stand.

. Chalmers Brumbaugh, our tenor soloist, teaches
litical Science at Elon College.

m Batchellor, our dancer, is a sophomore at Elon College
om Fairfax, Virginia. She is taking a minor in dance.
r teacher at E.C., Mrs. Jane Wellford, has provided
tensive guidance for Kim as she has prepared for her role
this drama.

PALM SUNDAY

The Scripture for today gives meaning to Palm Sunday and to Jesus' triumphal entry. Jesus knew the Psalms and Isaiah's prophecies, and he understood the people and powers of that day.

We call Jesus' entry into Jerusalem *triumphant* largely because the crowd waved palm branches and spread their coats on the road in special tribute. Although Jesus' actions were intended to be symbolic, they were probably not understood, even by his disciples, until much later.

Jesus came in victory but rode in humility. He came as a king, but a king of peace, not of war. He came as the Messiah but still as a prophet, knowing God's love, but also aware of the hostility of the leaders of the day.

The crowd cheered this miracle-worker and anticipated more. They appreciated this man who stood up to the authorities, and they longed for a leader to end their oppression. They asked who Jesus really was.

Jesus went on to the events of the week. The crowd dispersed, returning later to see those events that provided a new perspective on who Jesus was. We know the rest of the story, but like those in the crowd we can live through Palm Sunday and still not know what Jesus means to us.

Edith F. Patton
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SOLO: Were you there when he cried out at the end?....
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble,....
Were you there when he cried out at the end?

NARRATOR: It was now about the sixth hour--and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed....And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom.... Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!"

And having said this, he breathed his last.

And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight,

PEOPLE: WHEN THEY SAW WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE, RETURNED HOME BEATING THEIR BREASTS.

ALL WOMEN: AND ALL HIS ACQUAINTANCES AND THE WOMEN WHO HAD

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THEY CAST LOTS TO DIVIDE HIS GARMENTS.

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THE PEOPLE STOOD BY, WATCHING. BUT THE RULERS SCOFFED AT HIM, SAYING, "HE SAVED OTHERS; LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF, IF HE IS THE CHRIST OF GOD!"

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: THE SOLDIERS ALSO MOCKED HIM, COMING UP AND OFFERING HIM VINEGAR.

ALL WOMEN: THERE WAS AN INSCRIPTION OVER HIM: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

PILATE: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

6. FRIDAY MORNING: CRUCIFIXION

(The organist plays the hymn tune once more, softly, and then the congregation and choir join on the third stanza:)

CALVARY'S MOURNFUL MOUNTAIN CLIMB. THERE ADORING AT HIS FEET,
MARK THAT MIRACLE OF TIME, GOD'S OWN SACRIFICE COMPLETE.
"IT IS FINISHED!" HEAR HIM CRY.
LEARN FROM JESUS CHRIST TO DIE.

NARRATOR: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

ALL MEN: AND AS THEY LED HIM AWAY, THEY SEIZED ONE SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY, AND LAID ON HIM THE CROSS, TO CARRY IT BEHIND JESUS.

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO CURSE HIM, SAYING, "WE FOUND THIS MAN PERVERTING OUR NATION, AND FORBIDDING US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST THE KING!"

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: And he answered him, "You have said so."

PILATE: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man."

PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, SAYING, "HE STIRS UP THE PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT GALILEE EVEN TO THIS PLACE."

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,

NARRATOR: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

PEOPLE: AN HOUR LATER ANOTHER INSISTED, SAYING, "CERTAINLY THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A GALILEAN."

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

PETER: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

(Peter walks out in silence.)

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

PEOPLE: WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?"

PETER: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

(During the NARRATOR'S next speech the organist plays a lead-in for the next stanza of "Go to Dark Gethsemane.")

NARRATOR: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, "When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." Then they seized him--

3. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

(The organist plays once through the hymn "Go To Dark Gethsemane, after which the choir and congregation sing the first stanza:)

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE, YE THAT FEEL THE TEMPTER'S POWER;
YOUR REDEEMER'S CONFLICTS SEE, WATCH WITH HIM ONE BITTER HOUR;
TURN NOT FROM HIS GRIEFS AWAY;
LEARN OF JESUS CHRIST TO PRAY.

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US, DELIVER US.

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw

NARRATOR: And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.... But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION, "WHO, LORD? WHO IS TO BETRAY YOU? IS IT I? IS IT I?"

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the

CHOIR ANTHEM:

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
The death of anguish and my bitter passion,
For my salvation.

2. THE PREPARATION AND THE EATING OF THE LAST SUPPER

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THOU ART THE KING OF ISRAEL, THOU DAVID'S ROYAL SON,
WHO IN THE LORD'S NAME COMETH, THE KING AND BLESSED ONE.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THE COMPANY OF ANGELS ARE PRAISING THEE ON HIGH,
CREATION AND ALL MORTALS IN CHORUS MAKE REPLY.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THE MULTITUDE OF PILGRIMS WITH PALMS BEFORE YOU WENT;
OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER AND ANTHEMS BEFORE THEE WE PRESENT.

PHARISEE (over organ): And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR (over organ): He answered, "I tell you, if these

WORSHIP FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS

1. THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

(Four reader's stands are visible before the congregation, but empty. Drum; then organ. Before the organ dies the Narrator begins reading from the back of the church.)

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

(The Peter and Judas figures begin walking forward to their stands.)

NARRATOR: So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

PETER: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

(As the Narrator reads the next portion, the organist plays through the music of the coming hymn.)

NARRATOR: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

(The Choir and congregation join in singing the first three stanzas of the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," as the children, choir, and presenters process down the aisle toward the front, children waving palm fronds. Children continue processing around the outside to the back, and then go to their seats with their families; choir enters transept; presenters take their places behind the reading stands. In the break between hymn stanzas 3 and 4, the Pilate figure takes the part of a Pharisee.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
TO THEE BEFORE THY PASSION THEY SANG THEIR HYMNS OF PRAISE;
TO THEE WE TOO REPEAT THEM AND MELODIES WE RAISE.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THOU DIDST ACCEPT THEIR PRAISES; ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE
BRING,
WHO IN ALL GOOD DELIGHTEST, THOU GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING.

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

ity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: THEY SAID TO HIM, "BUT WHERE, LORD? WHERE WILL YOU HAVE US PREPARE IT, AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?"

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

(The organist begins quietly playing "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees.")

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

(Silence for a moment while the Judas figure withdraws from his stand and walks toward the back of the church.)

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: AND SO SAID ALL OF THE DISCIPLES, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

PEOPLE: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE--

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, EVEN THE EVIL WITHIN OURSELVES.

JUDAS (Coming forward to his stand): While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him,

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master."

FOLLOW TO THE JUDGMENT HALL, VIEW THE LORD OF LIFE ARRAIGNED;
O, THE WORMWOOD AND THE GALL! O, THE PANGS HIS SOUL SUSTAINED!
SHUN NOT SUFFERING, SHAME, OR LOSS;
LEARN FROM HIM TO BEAR THE CROSS.

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

PETER: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

PEOPLE: THEN A MAID, SEEING HIM IN THE LIGHT, SAID, "THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM!"

PETER: But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

PEOPLE: AND A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, 'YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM.'

reviling him....When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council;

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, "IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, TELL US!"

NARRATOR: But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God--"

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, "ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD, THEN?"

NARRATOR: And he said to them, "You say that I am."

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, "BLASPHEMY! WHAT FURTHER TESTIMONY DO WE NEED? WE HAVE HEARD IT OURSELVES FROM HIS OWN LIPS. BLASPHEMY! O, BLASPHEMY!

5. DAWN FRIDAY: JESUS BEFORE PILATE

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him--"

PEOPLE: BUT THEY ALL CRIED OUT TOGETHER, "AWAY WITH THIS MAN! AWAY! AWAY! RELEASE TO US BARABBAS--"

NARRATOR: Barabbas!--a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder--

PILATE: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus--

PEOPLE: BUT THEY SHOUTED OUT, "CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!"
PILATE: "Why? What evil has he done? I've found no crime in him deserving death. I'll chastise him. I'll release him--"

PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, DEMANDING WITH LOUD VOICES THT HE SHOULD BE CRUCIFIED.

NARRATOR: And their voices prevailed.

NARRATOR: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries?"

SOLO: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?....
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble,....
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

NARRATOR (over continuing accompaniment leading toward the next stanza of the solo): Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.
(Peter returns to his reading stand)
And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

SOLO: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?....
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble,....
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

PETER: But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.."

PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. DELIVER US FROM EVIL. THINE IS THE KINGDOM--

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him--

PEOPLE: AND THE POWER--

NARRATOR: "Truly, truly, I say to you--"

PEOPLE: AND THE GLORY--

NARRATOR: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

PEOPLE: FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

7. LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON: BURIAL

SOLO: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?....
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble,....
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a good man, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

NARRATOR: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

ALL WOMEN: THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED, AND SAW THE TOMB AND HOW HIS BODY WAS LAID. THEN THEY RETURNED, AND PREPARED SPICES AND OINTMENTS--

NARRATOR: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.


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April 16, 1987 Maundy Thursday 7:30 p

Prelude Partita: There is a Reaper Called Death
Johann Nepomuk Da

Introit "Jesus, Lamb of God" Gerald M

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are gathered in the presence of God,
who asks us to choose between life and death,
between blessing and curse.
P. We are gathered like the people of Israel,
who were challenged to choose the way of life.
L. Like them, we often follow the ways of death.
P. Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day
to begin anew by the grace of God.
L. By our presence here, we are saying
that we choose life.
All: Let us praise the God of love and life
who has called us to this place. Amen.

Prayer

*Hymn 169 "My Song is Love Unknown"

Scripture John 13:1-15

Meditation "Downward Mobility" The Rev. Beth L

Time for Reflection and Inward Preparation

*Hymn 178 "'Tis Midnight, And On Olive's Brow"

ıvitation to the Lord's Supper

ɔmmunion Prayer

ıe Prayer of Our Savior

ıe Distribution of the Elements

ɾayer of Thanksgiving

ʏmn 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ıe Service of Tenebrae

First Reading: Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25

Second Reading: Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:31-35

Third Reading: Agony of the Soul Luke 22:39-44

ıthem "Out of the Depths"(De Profundis) Alan Hovahness
Soloist: Donna Euliss

Fourth Reading: Unshared Vigil Mark 14:32-41

Fifth Reading: "Father, the hour is come" John 17:1-6

Sixth Reading: "That they may all be one" John 17:15-22

Seventh Reading: Arrest in the Garden John 18:1-5

Eighth Reading: Shadow of the Cross Mark 15:16-20

Final Reading: The Word was God John 1:1-4,14,10,12; 3:19, paraphrased

ɛparture:

Worshippers may leave their gifts in the offering plate in the Narthex as they depart. All loose plate offerings received when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated are used for the church's Good Samaritan Fund, by which needy people are aided.

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THE LORD"

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April 19, 1987 EASTER SUNDAY 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Rondeau" Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1
"In Death's Strong Grasp The Savior Lay"
Johann Sebastian
"Sonata No. 2 from Hora Decima"
Johann Pezel (1639-1
"Sacramentum Unitatis" Leo Sow

Introit "He Is Risen" Setting by Paul

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Alleluia, Christ is risen!
P. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from the dead to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by members of the Atkinson Family in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and their sister, Mrs. Russell T. Bradford.

An Easter Lily has been placed in the chancel in memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry by the Family.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Easter Monday holiday.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	19 -	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	20 -	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	21 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	22 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri.,	24 - 25		Youth Lock-In

Religious Arts Festival

"An engaging performer. Mark Twain, reciting a tall story. James Thurber. . . with occasional Sherwood Anderson touches."
—*Newsday*, New York

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Testament

A Life of JESUS

a live retelling by the author

"Funny. Powerful. Skip happily down a line separating secular skepticism and churchy gush."
—*The New York Times*

7:30 PM Wednesday, April 22

Whitley Auditorium

Religious Arts Festival



MIME AND STORY
9:30 am
at the fountain

FOOLOSOPHIES by Doug Berky
Berky uses the art of mime as a vehicle for sharing the Christian experience. Through comedy and serious refelection, the audience is encouraged to consider the impact of the Gospel message on our lives.

LOUISE KESSEL—STORYTELLER
Louise Kessel performs the ancient art of storytelling throughout central North Carolina. At Elon, she will share stories from native American and Eastern religions.

Like a tough wind
tearing around the corners
of the universe
gasping at my ears,
sledging at my soul,
you've been, God.
—"Psalms" by Rabbi Efraim Rosenzweig

POETRY AND PROSE
7:30 pm
Whitley Auditorium

RABBI EFRAIM ROSENZWEIG, former director of the Hillel Foundation and UNC, will read from his three volumes of the poetry of faith.

DR. CAROLE CHASE, Elon Associate Professor of Religion, will read from her work-in-progress on the narrative art of Madeline L'Engle.

Tuesday, April 21

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 133 from I Corinthians 15 p. 547

Anthem "Exultation for Easter" Arnold B. Sherman

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Sonata from "Die Bänkelsängerlieder"
Brass Quintet Anonymous (c. 1684)

Congregational Response Doxology with Alleluias
(tune: Lasst uns erfreuen, #12)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 190 "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People"
(Children remain in the sanctuary this morning for the rest of the worship service)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:62 - 28:15

Sermon "The First Words of Easter" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

Benediction

Choral Response "Lift High the Cross" Sidney H. Nicholson

Postlude "Carillon du Longpont" Louis Vierne

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

We welcome the brass quintet from Elon College; Lisa Harris, Jeff Page, trumpet; Erik Stengall, trombone; Tim Keenan, French Horn; and James Martin, tuba.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 19, 1987

John 20:18

During Holy Week, four pastors gathered at the broadcast studio for a "spontaneous and unrehearsed" radio interview. The program host asked, "What is the meaning of Easter?"

Like the proverbial sightless ones who described an elephant by touch, the clergy responded. The first pastor said that Easter worship is the final Word of God being turned into a victory celebration through liturgy. Another said it was a beacon of hope beaming into a hopeless world. The third said it was a gift of endless encouragement for people whose lives are ruled by fear. The last said that Easter is when the dark specter of death is rolled away and life is opened to the rainbow colors of eternal spring.

Each pastor's description was accurate—and incomplete. Easter is all of these images and more. It depends upon the place, or places, where Easter touches us. But unless it touches our senses, Easter can have little meaning at all.

We are often told that we must first believe in order to see. But, for Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, it was just the opposite. At Easter, Christ lives when we let ourselves be moved by our senses.

When we *see* someone doing God's work in the world, Christ lives.

When we *hear* someone sharing God's hope to the world, Christ lives.

When we *feel* someone comforting us with God's love, Christ lives.

We know the meaning of Easter when the people of God join Mary Magdalene in proclaiming, "We, too, have seen the living Lord!"

Rev. Farley R. Maxwell
First Congregational Church
Vancouver, Washington

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Blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet believe

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Ken Harper, Liturgist today
Travis Loy and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today

April 26, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Matins" Healey Wil

Introit "Love Is Come Again" Arranged by John Rut

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, too often we forget your promise. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives. Sometimes we want to tamper with the lives of those around us for our own ends. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to serve you more faithfully each day. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 132 from I Corinthians 13 p.

Anthem "Forth He Came At Easter" based on an Old French T
arranged by David H. Will

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mrs. George D. Colclough in memory of her husband, Mr. George D. Colclough and in honor of their son, Dr. George W. Colclough who was recently married in the Chapel of Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

TODAY IS UCC COLLEGE HERITAGE DAY. Our congregation is encouraged to contribute to our pledge for the Elon College Pride II Campaign. Our pledge is indicated as a Challenge Gift on the 1987 budget.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST. On May 3, 1987, the Men's Fellowship will have a breakfast meeting at the Twin Lakes Center at 8:00 a.m. We will meet in the Church Parish House parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to share-the-ride to the Center. There will be a guest speaker from the Center to tell us about the facilities.

Copies of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS are available in the narthex.

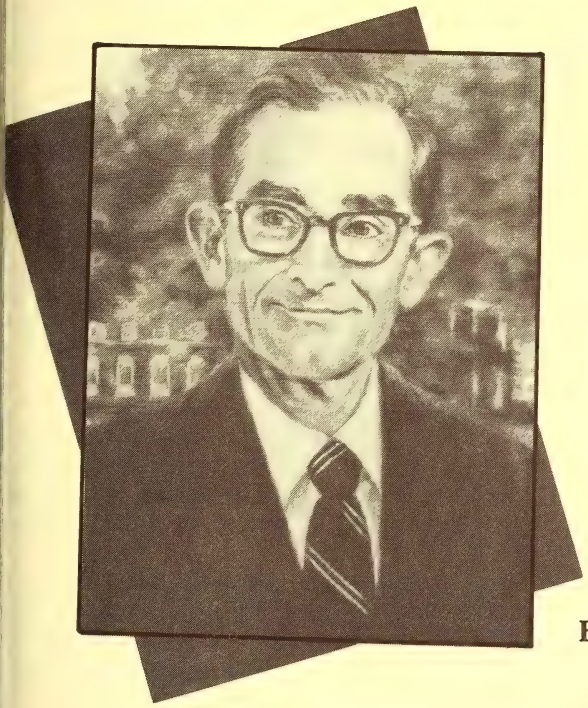
Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	26 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11.00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Youth Puppet Show-scenery construction
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Pupper Show-rehearsal
Mon.,	27 -	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	28 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	29 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Elon College is people . . .



. . . faculty
and
students
who
care
about
each
other.

Elon College is people
like Johnny Graves,
whose portrait hangs
in the Prayer Room
in Whitley Auditorium.
Johnny served many years
as College Chaplain and taught
in the Department of Religion. His portrait
by Linda Noah captures Johnny's humor,
his deep affection for Elon, his godly manner
and reverence for God, and his enjoyment of people.

Johnny Graves' spirit lives on at Elon—in the
memories of long-time faculty and staff members,
nd in the John S. Graves Scholarship, established by his family
and friends and awarded annually to a student whose spirit,
like his, exemplifies "faith in God coupled with love and
respect for fellow men and women."



Elon College is people.

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Ray Covington and Mary Lea
two recent recipients of t
John S. Graves Scholarsh
whose service, leadership a
genuine caring have enhan
community life at El

Ray Covington is a grand
of Dr. A. L. Ho
long-time dean of the colle
A biology major who gradua
in 1986, Ray ser
on the Religious Life Commi
and was president of his senior cl
Following his graduation, Ray has bec
an Elon Admissions Counse
His faith and friendli
are continuing to keep a
the Johnny Graves legacy at Elon Coll

Mary Leahy also has served on the Religious Life Commit
A senior education major, Mary is president of
Newman Society, and has worked hard on Elon's CROP W
and CROP Fast. Her generosity and many acts of kindness ofter
unnoticed, for she embodies the best spirit of servant leaders
she genuinely serves the people she le

Elon College is growing for its people. In 1986-87, enrollment has topped 3,
making us the largest private undergraduate college in North Carolina and lar
of all colleges associated with with the United Church of Christ. Ten new fac
positions have been created to maintain Elon's excellent faculty-to-student ra
The 73,000-square-foot Fine Arts Center is scheduled for completion this sum

Elon College is committed, as always, to people development. There are n
than 50 campus organizations for students. The residence hall program tr
students as peer counselors. Spiritual programs include Thursday Chapel, the
Religious Forum and the Religious Arts Festival in the Spring. A professi
counseling staff watches over each student's emotional well-being. Personal
tact with the faculty is consistently mentioned by our graduates as a hallm
of an Elon education. Elon College is people caring about people.

Johnny Graves, we think, would be pr

For information about admission, call Joanne Soliday, Dean of Admissi
1-800-657-5827 (inside N.C.) or 1-800-334-8448 (outside

For information about campus visits, call Richard Mcl
Chaplain/Director of Church Relations, 919-584-

rayer

Time With Children — Gordon Rankin

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory I Know That My Redeemer Liveth From Messiah
Soloist, Karen Henderson — George Frederic Handel

*ongregational Response — Doxology (515)

rayer of Dedication

*ymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading Luke 6:26-37

ermon "What Is True Love?" Gordon Rankin

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

enediction

ioral Response "Create In Me A Clean Heart" Alice Jordan

ostlude "Canzona in F Major" Andrea Gabrieli

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 1987
John 20:29

The formula "Blessed are they" suggests benediction, as if Jesus were granting as a *reward* some special happiness to those who believe without seeing. But surely these words are less a dispensation than an *observation.* For those who believe without depending on sight—or touch, or other direct experience—are already blessed, because they are not tempted to mistake appearance for substance. In an age when visual images on a small screen are often presented as the whole of reality, it is no small blessing!

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

PROGRAM GRANTS

Each year, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries makes special program grants to universities, colleges, and academies related to the United Church of Christ. For the 1986-1987 academic year, seven institutions received such grants, awarded competitively on the basis of proposals evaluated by an independent panel of educators, all active members of the UCC.

A grant to Dillard University, Louisiana, supports a program in minority youth leadership development in United Church of Christ congregations in several Southern states. Fisk University, Tennessee, is using its grant to encourage faculty development. "Educating for World Citizenship" is the title of the program supported by the grant to Hood College, Maryland. Hood is bringing UCC and other leaders to the campus to increase students' global awareness.

A program grant to Northland College, Wisconsin, undergirds its environmental and Native American programs. At Ripon College, also in Wisconsin, a grant is assisting the college to integrate scholarship by and about women into the curriculum. Talladega College in Alabama is using its grant to undertake an in-depth study of the mission of the college. "Women, Spirituality, and Power" is the theme of the program supported by a grant to Westminster College in Utah.

These program grants, which total $80,000, are made possible through continued giving to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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He talked to us
on the road

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Macon Albertson and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

May 3, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Marilyn Tyler, Guest Organist

Introit "Holy God" Gerald

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us for ever.
P. When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.
L. We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits, together with all God's people.
ALL: With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation, we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ev Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession
When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O Go

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The Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference will be held this week, May 7 - 9 at Virginia Beach. Mrs. Bertie Fields is the delegate from our church.

Copies of the Southern Conference News are available in the narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., 3 -	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Twin Lakes
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Sunday Planning Committee
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Puppet Show Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon., 4 -	10:30 a.m.	Circles I & II - Church
	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Circle III - Jane Alexander
Tues.,5 -	3.30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Circle IV - Church Library
Wed., 6 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
7 - 9 -	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING Virginia Beach, Va.	

HOUR IN THIS

THE DRAMA OF WORSHIP

Worship is a very vivid, dramatic activity. Worshipers present themselves before God and, sensing God's presence, respond with praise, confession, thanksgiving, and renewed understanding and commitment to God in Jesus Christ.

One of the traps a worshiper can fall into is thinking that the only people engaged in the dramatic activity of worship are those who lead worship. Worship then becomes a spectator activity and the worship leaders are "on stage."

The worst trap is seeing "Sunday Morning Worship" as religious entertainment for those who show up to "catch the show." Surely, someone going to church can appreciate the brilliance of a sermon, the beauty of a liturgy or the place of worship, and be moved by the music. If, though, that is all that happens, the worshiper is reduced to that of a passive recipient of the activity of others.

There are some concrete things worshipers can take into account in order to enter into the dramatic qualities of a congregation at worship.

1. **Become aware of the script.**

   There is a script. Usually it comes in the form of a bulletin. Reading through the script before the service helps you to know who is going to do what throughout the worship service.

   Look for the flow of the script and the points being made by different parts of the service. Is there a time in which God is being praised? Is there a time in which confession is offered and forgiveness is affirmed? Is there a place where

thanksgiving is to be heightened by something being said or sung? Is there a time of silence, a time for personal prayer? When is it that the reading of scripture is to take place and what might it have to do with the announced topic for the preaching? Is there a celebration of Holy Communion? Does the religious season of the year take on special significance in terms of color displayed, lessons read, or music sung? Note also the times of movement in the script; sometimes the worshipers stand, sit, kneel or bow heads during the service.

2. **Become aware of the stage setting.**

The building is designed its way on purpose, and all around you are special places for special things. The placement of the Bible, the communion table, the pulpit and lectern, the baptismal font, and the choir all have meaning. Be sensitive to the environment of a cross, stained glass windows, and candles—they are there for a reason.

3. **Join the drama.**

Sing when it is time to sing. Pray when it is time to pray. Listen when it is time to listen. Enter into the words spoken and sung on your behalf by a pastor or choir. Join the worship service in all of its dimensions.

Worship is work. The more you do your part, the more vivid the experience of joining others in the worship of God will be. Become aware of the script and the setting of the stage. And, most important, join the drama and become part of all that happens during a worship service.

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When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. In your mercy restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading #135 Philippians 2:5-11 p. 548

Anthem "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" Randolph Currie

Prayer

A Time With Children Rev. Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "The Call" from Five Mystical Songs R.V. Williams
Soloist, Donna Euliss

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Introduction to Hymn of the Month 412

Hymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Sermon "Making Sense Out of Life in a Strange New Way"
Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us"

Benediction

Choral Response "As You Have Promised Lord" Ron Nelson

Postlude

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 1987
Luke 24:32

The plans we make for our lives are frequently contingent: "after the kids are out of school," "when we finally get a place of our own," "as soon as I've retired," and the like. And it's the same with the life of faith: we propose to live in the power of the Resurrection once we arrive at the destination to which belief calls us. But that Power meets *us* while we're still "on the road," and Christ so sets our hearts afire that we can scarcely stop to rest before we're on our way again, in service.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

"I got tired of going to meetings."

"I didn't like coming home to an empty house."

Not perhaps the most uplifting reasons to enter voluntary service for the church. But volunteers have a way of avoiding idealistic language. Actions speak louder than words, they feel. And besides, it goes without saying that they want to serve.

If you think that voluntary service is only for saintly celibates—or not for septuagenarian couples—you're mistaken. Single or married, young or retired, there is an opportunity for you to serve.

The United Church of Christ has sponsored voluntary service, both for individuals and groups, since its founding. Groups usually participate through short-term workcamps, workshops, and work seminars. Individuals enjoy greater options.

Lillie Keen, who retired from fulltime office work in New Jersey, has been a volunteer for eight years—and not at the same place, either. She has been a receptionist, administrative assistant, and waitress while serving in Indiana, Alaska, Maryland, and Massachusetts, and still keeps coming back for more.

Volunteers are often placed in United Church of Christ human service institutions such as homes for youth and developmentally disabled persons. There are also opportunities in shelters for battered families and for transients. Terms of service range from the summer season up to one year or more. Room, board, and a monthly allowance are provided; but volunteers pay their own travel to the project site where orientation training takes place.

If you are interested in voluntary service, contact your pastor or United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. You won't regret it.

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May 10, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Prelude on the Hymn Tune "Our Father, By Whose Name" Ralph Vaughan Will

Introit "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship Beverly Be

L. We have gathered in the presence of the God in whom every family in heaven and on earth receives it name.
P. We come, in the prayer that the peace of Christ might dwell in our family relationships.
L. We come, in the prayer that the peace of God might permeate the life of the human family.
ALL: May the love of Christ fill our hearts, our lives, and our world, to the glory of God. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") Beverly B

*Hymn 466 "Our Father, By Whose Name"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession Kristin Wil

God, our shepherd, we have strayed like lost sheep, wandering through life, far from home. Often in our

nderings we find ourselves in places where we ought
t to be, trapped and unable to turn ourselves around.
ar our cries of lostness; come rescue us and be our
ide.
At other times, through fear, we huddle in the safety
the fold; not daring to venture out into your pastures
ere we're called to live in freedom. Come challenge us
d be our guide. Amen.

lent Prayers

surance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

sponsive Reading - (see insert) Brian Harper

them "There's a Little Wheel A-Turnin' in My Heart"
The Children's Choir

ayers of the People Beverly Beyer
fter each prayer the Leader will say "Lord in Your Mercy"
d the people will respond "Hear Our Prayer.")

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory "Flutes" Jean Langlais

ngregational Response Doxology (515)

ayer of Dedication Rob Woody

mn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination Katie Brown

ripture Reading: Matthew 18:10-14

erpreting the Word "Lost and Found"
m Once Upon a Parable by Michael E. Moynahan S.J.

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love.
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
what e'er your race may be!
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

*Benediction Jamie Brown

*Choral Response "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Postlude "Vivace" Hermann Schroeder

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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Responsive Reading from I Corinthians 12 (TEV)

Leader: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.

People: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to everyone for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Leader: Christ is like a single body which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.

People: If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body.

Leader: And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body.

People: If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear" And if it were only an ear, how could it smell?

Leader: As it is however, God put every different part in the body just as God wanted it to be.

People: So then the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well I don't need you!"

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Leader: On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker, and those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones we treat with special care.

People: And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

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ATTENTION CIRCLES OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Concerning the Birthday Party on May 21st at the Central Piedmont Nursing Center. We would like volunteers to make pound cakes (no frosting), bring chips and lemonade. If they could be delivered to the church office between May 17th and 19th, Mrs. Barbara Eyes will pick up. Please let her know if anyone wishes to volunteer to help. (584-3879).

Articles for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., 10 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon., 11 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tues.,12 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., 13 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Renearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Puppet's voices by:

John Barbee
Beverly Beyer
Lee Blanchard
Jamie Brown
Katie Brown
Daniel Doyle
Brian Harper
Beth Lyon
Rob Woody

Puppeteers:

Shannon Albertson
Katie Brown
Jamie Brown
Scott Dollar
Brian Harper
Kristina Reeves
Brian Rose
Rob Woody

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Special thanks to:

Chip and Robin McCraw, Peggy Lackey and Robin Woody who helped make this puppet show possible.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 1987
Acts 2:45

All too often, the church is presented as a magical institution; once incorporated into its life, the believer's problems are supposed to disappear. We are rightly impressed by the early church's care for its members from a commonly held pool of goods. But we should be more impressed still by the attitude implied by these verses: that even in a community marked by outstanding leadership and rich prayer, there are bound to be needs. To be part of the church is still to have needs—to have them met, and to meet the needs of others.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

PARENTING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

"We originally came to the United Church of Christ because we felt the need for a biblical base for the values and concerns we were beginning to share with our small children," recall Linda and Jim Young. That part of their story is not unusual. Parenthood brings many couples back to the church.

For the Youngs, however, joining Mira Vista Church in El Cerrito, California, was only the start. In their search for ways to help their three children grow as a family building Shalom in their home, at school, and in the community, Jim and Linda discovered the Parenting for Peace and Justice Network. With support from their congregation, they attended a family camp led by Jim and Kathy McGinnis, national coordinators of the Network. Now the Youngs serve on the Parenting for Peace and Justice Network Board of Directors and lead workshops in their own and other East Bay churches.

In this new role, they are helping families to see the call to peacemaking in the home and the larger world as a call from God. The Youngs make sure their own children hear the call as well. "We hope our children are growing up to feel they have a purpose—not just to have a good time, but to make a difference," says Linda.

With support from both the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Youngs' lay ministry has "received a real shot in the arm." Helping families to work together to achieve justice and peace is part of Our Church's Wider Mission.

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COMMENCEMENT WORSHIP SERVICE

May 17, 1986
11 a.m.

Elon College Community Church
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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in Youth & Children's Ministeries
Jamie & Katie Brown, Acolytes Today

May 17, 1987 11:00 a.m.

A SERVICE HONORING THE 1987 GRADUATES OF ELON COLLEGE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Improvisation on the hymn tune *Hyfrodol* Robert Hebble

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy God* Richard Proulx

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms
Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr.

Responsive Call to Worship Chaplain Richard McBride

Leader: Enter our hearts, O Holy Spirit; come in thy mercy and set us free.

People: Throw open, O Lord, the locked doors of our minds; cleanse the chambers of our thoughts for thy dwelling.

All: O Holy Spirit, very God, whose presence is liberty, grant us the perfect freedom to be thy servants today, tomorrow, evermore. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespassess")

***Hymn 12** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession Chaplain McBrid

O merciful God, we thank you for that strength of body, intelligence of mind, kindness of heart, and love for one another which you have given us. We confess those times in which we have failed to use these gifts wisely. We pray that the gifts that are within us may not be lost through disuse nor destroyed through misuse, but constantly developed for greater service to the world and to your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon Chaplain McBrid

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today and a special welcome to the 1987 Class of Elon College. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Mrs. Eula Cheek Vaughan by Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Cheek.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX are given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Terrell on their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 17th, by Charlie, Dianna, Robbie and Wendy.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 17 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon., May 18 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Tues., May 19 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., May 20 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

WITNESS OF FAITH

esponsive Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 7:14-22 Ms. Lisa Shadyac

eader: For wisdom is an unfailing treasure; those who get it obtain friendship with God and are commended for the gifts that come from instruction.

:ople: May God grant that I speak with judgement and have thoughts worthy of what I have recieved, for God is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise.

eader: For both we and our words are in God's hands, as are all understanding and skill in crafts.

:ople: For it is God who gave me unerring knowledge of what exists, to know the structure of the world and the activity of the elements;

eader: The beginning and end and middle of times, the alternations of the solstices and the changes of the seasons,

:ople: The cycles of the year and the constellations of the stars,

eader: The natures of animals and the tempers of wild beasts, the powers of spirits and the reasonings of men, the varieties of plants and the virtues of roots;

:ople: I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me.

nthem *Immortal, Invisible* Eric Thiman

The congregation is invited to participate in the performance of this festival anthem by using the text of Hymn No. 7.

rayer Dr. Irvine

emarks to the Senior Class Dr. Warren L. Board

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

'ffertory Prelude on *Hyfrodol* Paul Manz

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

rayer of Dedication Dr. Irvine

Hymn 412 *O Master of the Race*

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ıtroduction of Speaker Dr. Irvine

:ripture Readings Dr. Rollin Russell

Joshua 3:1-6; Philippians 3:4-16

Sermon: *True to What We Have Attained* Dr. Russell

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn** *Called to a Faithful Future* Tune: *Lancashire*

Called to a faithful future, called by a faithful God;
Not one step on our pathway divine feet haven't trod.
God calls us to the future; we move to meet Love there.
We risk the unknown pathways, but not without God's care.

The Alpha and Omega our heritage and goal,
So great a cloud of witness inspires our pilgrim soul.
Our history can move us, but myst'ry moves us more;
We dare to leave the harbor, drawn by the distant shore.

Cling fast then to the future, forgetting those things past;
Press toward the great high calling of God in Jesus Christ.
Deterred by no temptation, nor pearls of lesser price—
No sacrifice that's worthy is really sacrifice.

Words by the Reverend Max Vestal, Elon, '53

***Benediction** Chaplain Richard McBrid

***Choral Response** *Go Forth in Joy* Alice Jorda

***Postlude** *Fugue in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bac

* Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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Dr. Warren L. Board is Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Elon College.

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., is Pastor of Elon College Community Church.

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Dr. Rollin O. Russell, of Burlington, NC, is the Conference Minister of the Souhern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

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will not leave you desolate
I will come to you

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Ryan Harris and Travis Loy, Acolytes today
Charles Wilkins, Liturgist today

May 24, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Schübler Chorale: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" J.S. B

Introit "Write Your Name Upon My Heart" Alice Jor

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Report from Southern Conference Annual Meeting
Mrs. Bertie Fields, Lay Deleg

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God created the heavens and the earth,
P. And gave them to us to use and enjoy.
L. God breathed life into each of us, and set us upon the earth,
P. And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.
L. Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.
P. We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this our God is to be praised. Let us worship God from grateful hearts!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you love us steadfastly, but we have trouble loving in return; you call us, but we have

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THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	24 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Family Picnic
		8:00 p.m.	Peace Vigil - Graham Court House
Mon.,	25 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tues.,	26 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	27 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	28 -	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Exploratory Group

ax-filled ears; you reveal yourself, but our eyelids are eavy; you lead us toward our neighbor, but we build walls round ourselves; you hate evil, injustice, and alienation, ut we get used to it. O God, we pray, help us to see urselves both as we are and as we might be before you; nd draw us by your Spirit's tether into your forgiving, enewing, and serviceable grace, through the mercies of hrist. Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

nison Reading 55 The Ten Commandments p. 513

nthem "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Jody Lindh

rayer

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory "Toccata in E minor" Frescobaldi

ongregational Response Doxology (515)

rayer of Dedication

ymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Readings Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 23:1-12; Matthew 27:11-14

ermon "The Silent Christ" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

enediction

horal Response

ostlude Five Variations on the "Te Deum"
Anonymous, 16th century

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 24, 1987
John 14:18

Our translation of Christ's promise offers comfort to the disciples at the prospect of being utterly alone—"desolate"—after the Crucifixion. But the Greek word John uses makes the promise even richer. Jesus says, "I will not leave you orphaned." The Risen Christ's presence with us is not merely one of companionship in solitariness, but also one of kinship and care-giving. We need not seek a guardian and guide to help us struggle through life; one comes to us.

Reverend Michael Moore
United Church of Christ
Petaluma, California

HELPING THROUGH THE CHURCH

Day after day, last summer, the Southeastern United States baked in searing heat, unrelieved by rain. Crops withered and livestock went hungry. As news of the unprecedented drought penetrated other regions of the country, farmers with surplus hay offered to help.

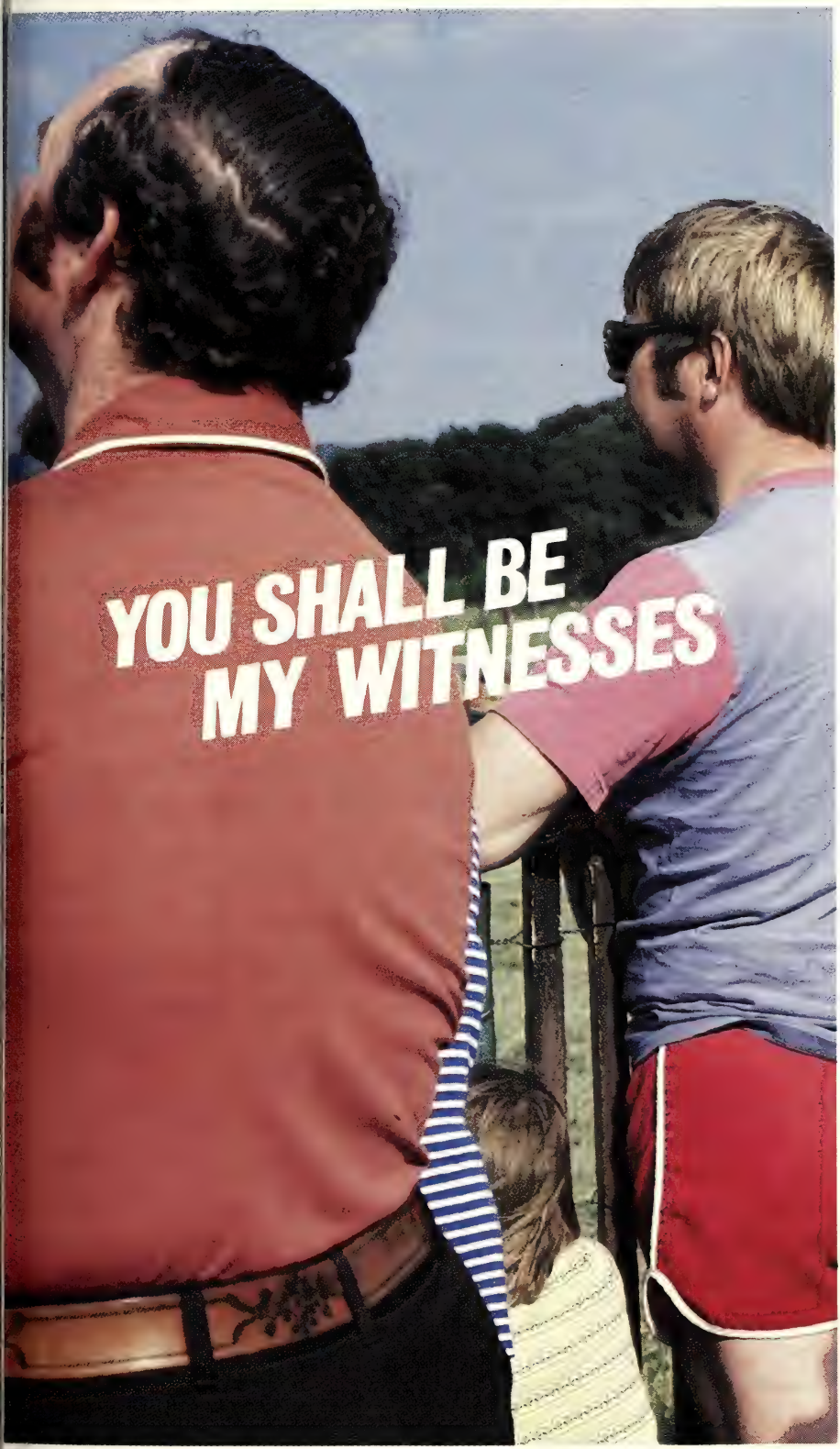
"It was hot and dry on that July afternoon when the first phone call came," recalls Southern Conference Minister, Rollin O. Russell. An Ohio Conference staff member was on the line. He had just heard from a farmer and church member who would like to donate some hay.

First Rollin called pastors in the rural areas of Southern Conference to see where the need seemed greatest. Then two Conference children's homes were chosen as distribution centers. Burlington Industries agreed to haul hay in its trucks returning empty from Ohio. The first shipment was loaded on a Friday and delivered at Elon Home for Children the following Monday morning. Other shipments quickly followed.

Another call came in the midst of this process. It was from Church World Service, saying they would help the Conference pay the cost of shipping as well as distribution as long as the need remained.

Conference ministers never know what the next telephone call may bring. What they do know, as Rollin Russell can testify, is that in the United Church of Christ "we have a wide network of caring that works wherever and whenever people are in need." Your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help keep it working.

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MY WITNESSES

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Shannon Albertson, Acolyte today

May 31, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Ascension Suite: "The Prayer of Christ Ascending to His Father" Oliver Messa

Introit "O Brightness of the Immortal Father's Face" Gerald N

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Clap your hands for joy, all peoples!
P. Praise God with loud songs.
L. God has gone up with a shout,
P. The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
L. Sing praise to God.
P. Sing praise to our Ruler!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Victorious God, ruler of everything that is: we have not acknowledged your sovereignty in our lives or in our world. We act as though we are self-sufficient, and the are dismayed by our own confusion. We do what seems bes in our own eyes with little regard for the welfare of others, or for the demands of your righteousness. Forgiv and transform us. By grace bring us into your new creat through the way which has been opened for us in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ our Lord. Ame

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY

Great is your name, O Jesus Christ.
You are the King of Glory.

All praise to you, risen and exalted Lord!

Great is your name, O Jesus Christ.
You are Head of the Church.

All praise to you, risen and exalted Lord!

Great is your name, O Jesus Christ.
You are the Ruler of the Ages.
All praise to you, risen and exalted Lord!

O Living Christ, you came into our midst as one of us in all humility and ordinariness. You have returned to God to receive the honor which is due you.

Enable all who wish to share in your glory to share first in your obedience.

You ascended on high and yet did not depart from us. You have not left us but have gone in order to share yourself with us in a way more full than we can imagine.

Remove from the eyes of your people all that blinds them to your continual presence in your world.

Through your incarnation you brought God's glory into our midst. Through your ascension you have brougnt us into the midst of the glory of God.

Draw your church continually toward all that is holy and just and worthy; and make your people faithful messengers of your Gospel before the world.

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You are exalted above all evil destruction. You reign over all things. You cause death to die.

All praise to you, risen and exalted Lord!

Your glory fills everything; and without you, the universe cannot exist. For You are the Life which gives life.

All praise to you, risen and exalted Lord!

You shall establish your righteous kingdom and its fullness; you shall bring to pass a new heaven and a new earth.

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Last Wednesday evening was a special event for the YOUTH CHOIR. The children enjoyed a party to say goodbye until choir resumes in the fall.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 31	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon., June 1	-	6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tues., June 1	-	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 118 Isaiah 40:28-31 p. 542

Anthem The Trumpet in the Morning from "The Sacred Harp" arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Meditation" Peter Hurford

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Acts 1:6-14

Sermon "Out of This World?" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Litany of Thanksgiving and Intercession see insert

Hymn 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Benediction

Choral Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart" Alice Jordan

Postlude "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Walther

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 31, 1987

Acts 1:8

Can a witness be merely someone with knowledge, as the literal meaning of our word suggests? Surely the heart of the matter is not having the knowledge, nor the method of having acquired it, but the willingness to speak about what is known. The truth of God's love for us in Christ will not be any more true because we have knowledge of it, but the effect of that love will be more profound and far-reaching as we testify to it. Our witness is not to make the gospel believable, but to make it alive in the world!

Reverend Michael Moore
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SEPARATED BY STRIFE

In times of civil war, people cling even more desperately to the things that mean most in their lives—family, home, church. No people have witnessed more strife than those who live in Lebanon. Yet, the tight little zones of security created by the contending groups sometimes separate families, homes, and churches.

Two institutions we support in Beirut, the Near East School of Theology and the Middle East Council of Churches, continue to serve the Lebanese people despite the violence.

In South Lebanon, separated from the capital by an impenetrable no-man's land, eight Protestant congregations struggle to maintain their collective witness and faith. Without the dedicated service of 29-year-old Fuad Antoun, who studied at the Near East School of Theology, they would have no one to provide pastoral care. But Fuad is not ordained, so he cannot administer the sacraments.

The Middle East Council of Churches responds by sending an ordained minister from Beirut to South Lebanon to serve communion and perform baptisms. The trip takes ten to twelve hours by boat, if the sea is calm.

In addition, the Council provides church members and members of the other communities—Christian, Muslim, and Druze—with food, clothing, bedding, and medicine as supplies permit.

Amidst the conflict in Lebanon, our partner churches continue to survive and serve. We gladly sustain them with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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June 7, 1987 PENTECOST 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: L'Orgue Mystique: Suite for Pentecost
"Introit - Kyrie - Gradual - Offertory"
Charles Tourne

Introit "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"
Michael Praeto

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We praise you, God, for Pentecost!
P. We praise you for the rushing wind and tongues of fire.
L. We praise you for bringing good news to all people,
P. People of all ages, tongues, and races.
L. Send your Spirit again this day.
P. Cleanse each heart with wind and fire.
L. Unify all as brothers and sisters,
P. As children in the family of God.
ALL: We are one in your Spirit. Praise to you, God of Pentecost!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

son Prayer of Confession

erciful God, we confess we are broken and separate.
lo not live as brothers and sisters of a loving family.
try to remake you in our own particular image, ignoring
wonder that each child reflects the parent. We fear
exclude others because they reflect you differently.
rgive us, God, for strife in this family. Forgive
base desires for domination or revenge. Forgive us
we use Christ's name to justify anything less than
y and love. Forgive our failure to live and proclaim
inclusiveness of our faith.
reator, we also confess our secret sins. We recoil
those who are different. We dehumanize others,
mizing their grief and pain, even their joy. Remind
hat all people, rich and poor, black and white, east
west, love their children, fear the unknown, struggle
life's meaning, and need a strength beyond themselves.
brace us, God. Gather your children together and
h us to walk in love. Seal us with your Spirit this
Amen.

for Reflection and Prayer

onsive Assurance of Pardon

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins;
by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.
We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH

onsive Reading 106 Psalm 139 p. 537

em "To Thee, O Jesu" J.W. Clokey
Soloist, Raymond Walden

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me With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxtehude

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Acts 2:1-11

Sermon "The Real Cure for Boredom" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O Thou, True Sun" Michael Praetorius

*Postlude: L'Orgue Mystique: Suite for Pentecost
"Alleluias" Charles Tournemire

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 7 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Magnolia Memorial Service First Baptist Church
Tues.,June 9 -	3:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL

Friday, June 12 thru Sunday, June 14 -
Southern Conference Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting.

PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 1987
Acts 2:1

On Pentecost we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit among us. The Spirit cannot be touched or seen. It comes like a rush of wind or a burning fire. But all who experience it know its power. For the gift of the spirit is the gift of life; it is water to a dry and parched land. The Spirit moves us and shakes us; it opens us to hear and see our brothers and sisters in new ways. The gift of the Spirit is the creative energy alive in the church today: reforming us, healing us, making us the Body of Christ.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

JUSTICE AND PEACE AT PENTECOST

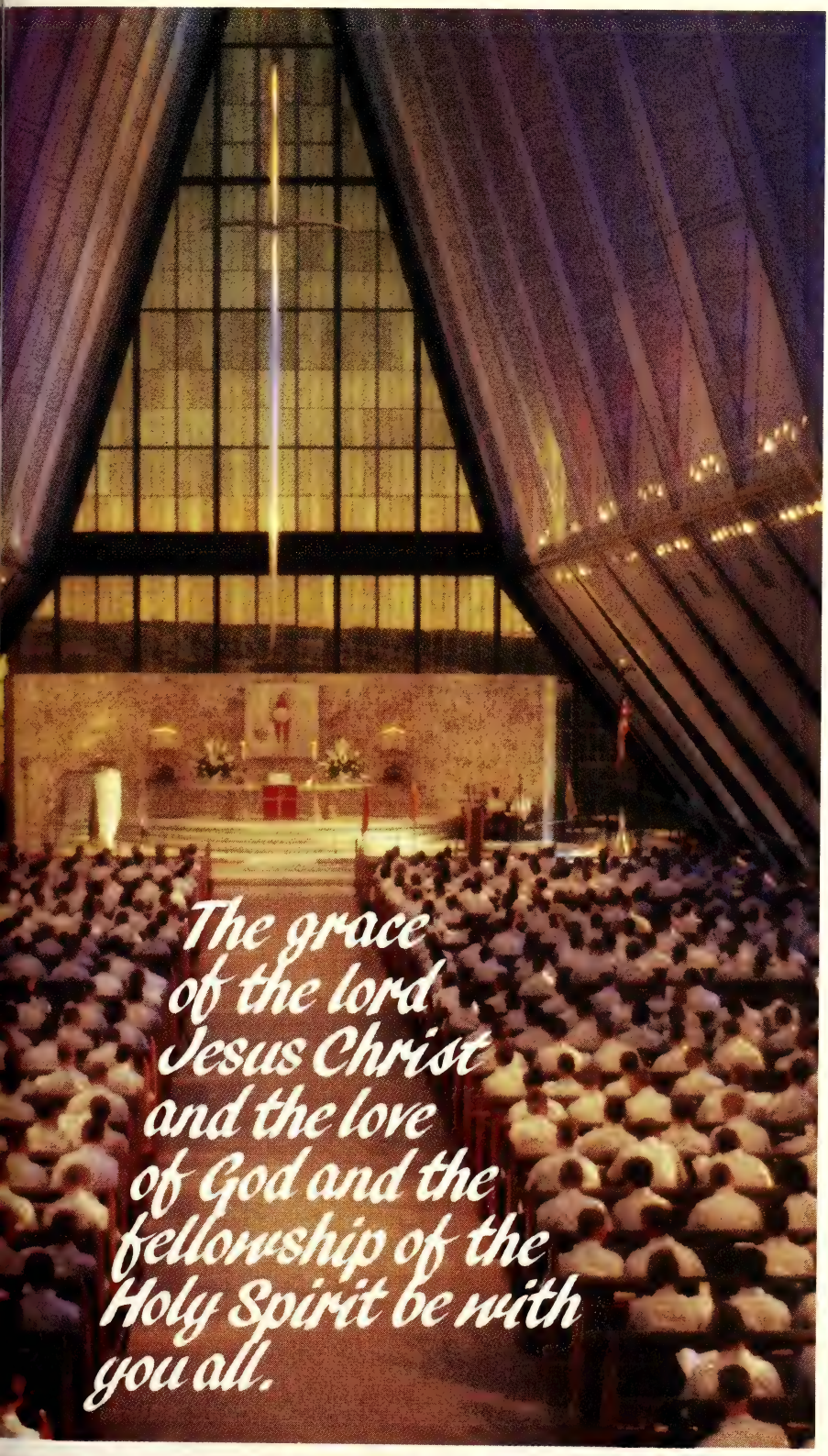
Today, thousands of United Church of Christ congregations are celebrating Pentecost by gathering the All-Church Just Peace Offering. Renamed from the Pentecost Peace Offering of 1984, this appeal affirms, with the Fifteenth General Synod, that the United Church of Christ is a Just Peace Church. The changed name also reflects our growing recognition that there can be no lasting peace until there is justice.

This offering is unique among United Church of Christ appeals because congregations are encouraged to retain one-quarter of the gifts received for their local justice and peacemaking ministries. United Church of Christ conferences also retain one-quarter of the Just Peace Offering for work within their domain. The national share of the Just Peace Offering covers the full promotional costs of the appeal and also supports the publication of the monthly newsletter, *Courage in the Struggle for Justice and Peace.*

Whether or not your congregation is participating in the Just Peace Offering this Sunday, Pentecost is a time for all of us to renew our commitment to a Just Peace by reaffirming these words from the "Peace Sabbath Prayer," by William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

"Strengthen our resolve to see fulfilled, the world around and in our time, all hopes for justice so long deferred, and keep us on the stony, long, and lonely road that leads to peace. May we think for peace, struggle for peace, suffer for peace." Amen.

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of the lord
Jesus Christ
and the love
of God and the
fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with
you all.

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June 14, 1987 11:00

WORSHIP WITH THOSE ATTENDING THE WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERE
AT ELON COLLEGE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O God, Thou Faithful God" Johannes Br

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms
The Rev. John Ir

Responsive Call to Worship The Rev. Beth L

L: With all that is within us, let us bless God,
P: Who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases,
L: Who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
ALL: With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

*Hymn 251 "Holy! Holy! Holy!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L: Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's grace.

L: We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one for your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us with your love, that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Be Thou My Vision" Frank Pooler

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RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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(The loose plate offering on communion Sundays is used for the Good Samaritan Fund from which needy people in the community can find help.)

fertory "Be Near to Me" Johannes Brahms

ngregational Response Doxology (515)

ayer of Dedication

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination

ripture Reading Luke 7:36-50

rmon "Stretching the Heart" The Rev. Beth Davis

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 288 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Rev. Beth Lyon, Celebrant

INVITATION

L: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

P. In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to God.
L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
L: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you .....
.....With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:
ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God
Hosanna in the highest!
L: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread.....
..... By eating this bread and drinking this cup we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.
P: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to our visitors this morning. We are happy to share in the closing worship service of the 1987 Women's Summer Conference meeting this weekend at Elon College. In honor of the occasion, all of the worship leaders this morning will be women.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given by Adelia J. Truitt in loving memory of her husband, Dr. John G. Truitt 1891-1978.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 14	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. George Noah's 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Parish House.
	3:00 p.m.	Youth - Volleyball, Cookout and Swimming.
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon., June 15	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JIM SCOTT ON JUNE 9th.

L: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "trespasses")

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

L: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

P: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Fanfare" Kenneth Leighton

*Indicates when those who are able may stand.

The liturgy for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is taken from the new UCC Worshipbook.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 1987

2 Cor. 13:11-14

If there is any one image that evokes the essential mystery of the Christian faith, it is the Trinity: God in three persons, yet only one God. For centuries, people of faith have struggled to understand what that means. Despite all the explanations, the mystery remains. Paul's blessing to the church at Corinth does not explain the Trinity but does reveal something of its substance: the wholeness of our God speaks to us of love, of grace, of the promise of God's presence with us always.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

You may remember days not so long ago when you were part of a vacation church school—or a Bible school, as it was often called. You may have attended as a child. You may have been a parent who saw the opportunity in the summer vacation months to provide for the Christian nurture of your children—a chance, too, for summer fun for the kids. You may have been a teacher or a leader in a summer learning event for children, or a church officer who supported such an enterprise.

Of course, you may not have been directly involved in vacation church schools, but you've heard about them. The time is near, once more, when your church or other churches in your community will be announcing their "Bible schools." Let this year be one in which you support this significant form of Christian education: volunteer to be a teacher or leader, enroll your children, or participate yourself as a learner (some programs include learning experiences for adults).

Time is precious. Sunday morning church school periods are all too brief. Vacation church school opens the way for enjoyable, extended, in-depth study for all ages.

Lindell Sawyers
Associate for Adult Education and
Family Ministry
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June 21, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Elegy" Arthur

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O God of hosts!
P: My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
L: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O God of hosts, my ruler and my God.
ALL: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we come to you as little children who both honc
and fear their parents. You are like a Mother and Fathe
to us, so we come to you with both trust and anxiety.
has been so easy to choose the path of our own indulgenc
instead of the way of sacrifice. We like to feel confort

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 21	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Stewardship and Mission Committee
June 22 - 26	-	Cub Scout Camp	

and secure rather than risking the disfavor of others or the consequences of standing up against wrong. Forgive us, God, for being so unsure of you and of our own best selves. Grant us courage to follow the truth you reveal to us. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Prayer

A Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Chorale in E Minor" Louis Vierne

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (stanzas 1,3,4,6)
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Psalm 2:1-4, Psalm 126:1-2, Luke 1:51-53

Sermon "God and Laughter" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Benediction

Postlude "Toccata in E Minor"

*Indicates when those who are able may stand.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 1987

Gen. 28:15

Sometimes it is difficult to believe that God is really with us. When we are alone, or unhappy, or when something bad has happened to us, it is hard even to know what it might mean that God is there. Yet one of the most persistent promises of the Bible is that God will not desert us, no matter what our circumstances or how we feel. God was with Jacob as he set off on his journey into the unknown. God was with Jesus on the cross. No matter where we are or where we go, God will be with us also.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT THIRTY

The God of Jesus Christ did a "new thing" in the birth of the United Church of Christ on June 25, 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio. Ever since, we have been trying to "perceive" it.

Radical ecumenical obedience gave us the United Church of Christ. Congregations and leaders shared a vision of the new United Church of Christ as a communion through which God would achieve more faithful incarnations of the one church. The determination was so bold that the founders feared the new church might have to suffer an early death in pursuit of ecumenical faithfulness. Not united as *status quo*, but uniting as a calling—that is the mandate we feel.

Emotions ran strong in Cleveland in 1957. A sense of loss matched by a sense of gain, wonder accompanied by anxiety, joy with edges of pain. Emotions still run strong in the United Church of Christ as second and third generation members struggle with their ecumenical vocation, the mission imperatives of the Gospel, the inclusiveness that is inherent in oneness and theological faithfulness.

Some have a hard time thinking of the United Church of Christ over thirty, becoming mellow, settling down. The fact is that God, the Holy Spirit, may have blessed us with youthfulness as a permanent endowment.

To be always young in the Gospel will mean that we will continue to be close to our birth, not only to the Spirit's work in 1957, but to God's amazing grace to us in Jesus Christ.

Avery D. Post
President
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Ryan Harris and Travis Loy, Acolytes today
Dr. Martin Shotzberger, Liturgist today

June 28, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Grand plein jeu--Duo--Recits" Nicolas Clerambt

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship Dr. Shotzbe

L: Blessed be the name of our God
from this time forth and forevermore!
P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of God is to be praised!
L: It is good to give thanks to God,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
ALL: to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "Trespasses")

*Hymn 6 "O Worship the King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Keeper: we have been created in your image, but we have spoiled the perfection of your model. Being invisi in the eyes of the oppressor, we have forgotten that we highly visible in your eyes. In failing to help our lov

nes, and those others whom you have called us to love
ut whom we deliberately have refused to love, we have
inned against you. Acknowledging our shortcomings and
rokenness, we confess the abysmal selfishness at our
enter. We come to you for forgiveness and give your
ame the praise. Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

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The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he
recompensed me.
For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
With the loyal thou dost show thyself loyal;
with the blameless thou dost show thyself blameless;
with the pure thou dost show thyself pure;
and with the crooked thou dost show thyself perverse.
For thou dost deliver a humble people,
but the haughty eyes thou dost bring down.
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,
and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips,
when I think of thee upon my bed
and meditate on thee in the watches of the night;
for thou hast been my help,
and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to thee;
thy right hand upholds me.
(Psalms 18:20-21,25-27; 63:5-8)

sic "Basse et Dessus de Trompette" Nicolas Clerambault

ayer

Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory "Trio" Nicolas Clerambault

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Psalm 31:6-8. Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 10:37-42

Sermon "The Rewards of the Christian Life" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Rigadoon" G. F. Handel

*Indicates when those who are able may stand.

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 28	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
Tues.,June 30	-	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Thurs., July 2	-	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 1987
Genesis 32:31

What does our God require of us? What is the cost of discipleship? Most of us in this country, at this time, are not required to make major sacrifices in the day-to-day living of our faith. But countless others around the world, and in earlier generations, have followed the gospel of Jesus Christ only at great risk and with great pain. We stand with these our brothers and sisters, and pray that if our faith is so tested, we, like they, will hold fast to the Good News that is ours.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
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SEED MONEY

In recent years, hunger and homelessness have become major domestic crises. Obviously, the United Church of Christ does not have the material resources even to begin to cope with this growing national crisis. Still, as caring Christians, we could not ignore it.

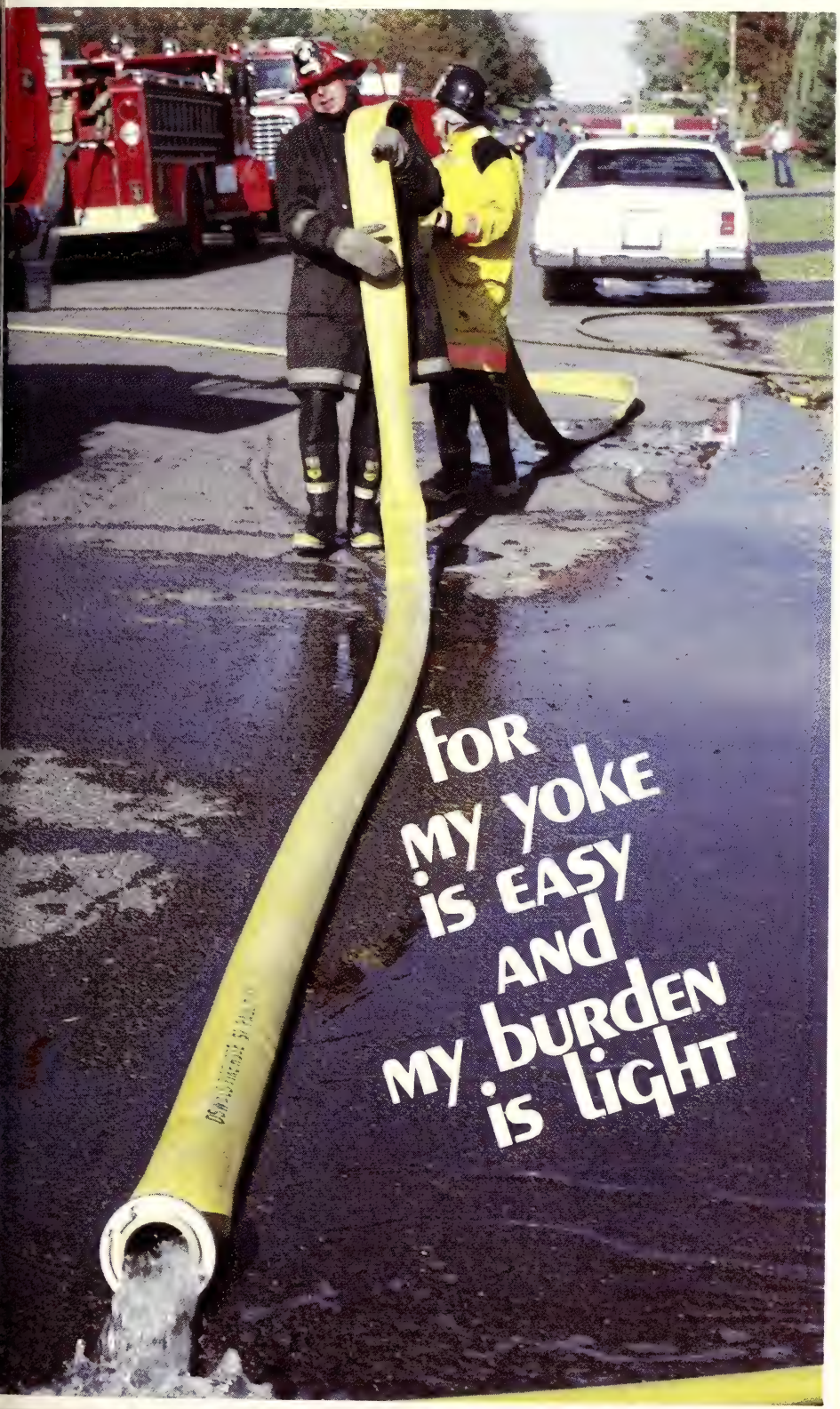
In 1983, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries launched the Emergency Food and Shelter Program with a $60,000 fund. In the knowledge that the Board would not be able to sustain programs of assistance to the hungry and homeless, they initiated one-time seed money grants of between $1,000 and $2,500 to as many local churches as possible.

Judged as outright assistance, the funds are insignificant. But as pump-primers, they have proven fruitful, as Rev. Richard Guhl of St. John's United Church of Christ in Larimer, Pennsylvania, testifies.

"We received a grant of $1,000. We have three pantries associated with the Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc. Together we serve 600 families each month. For the past several years, it has cost about $9,000 a year to run our program. But with the generous support of other churches in the community and civic groups, plus federal emergency food and shelter grants, money has never been a problem. Nevertheless, that initial $1,000 was what we needed to get the ball rolling. When I think about the folk who line up outside the church doors in rain, snow, and bitter cold, I know how much the UCBHM support has meant."

When we support Our Church's Wider Mission with our gifts, they are multiplied many times.

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AUG 29, 1987

(MARK YOUR CALENDAR!)

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS PLANNING TO SPONSOR THIS AFFAIR AS A FUN-FILLED OCCASION TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ECCC's **CHALLENGE GIFTS FUND** (GOAL $3000)

WE NEED YOUR HELP →

YOUR NON-FINANCIAL GIFTS

FOR THE AUCTION ARE DESIRED

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BAKED GOODS - CLOTHES

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(Perhaps useful to someone else)

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POSSIBILITIES:

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OIL CHANGE, ETC

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PLAN AHEAD AS TO WHAT YOU, OR YOUR CHURCH GROUP, MAY BE ABL TO DO TO **HELP!**

WITNESS OF FAITH

Music Interlude "O God, Our God" Johann Walther

Prayer

A Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Prelude in G Minor" J. S. Bach

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer and Dedication

Hymn 437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Chronicles 29:10-19, Psalm 33:6-19

Sermon "A Nation's Aspirations" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 440 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Benediction

Postlude "Psalm XX" Benedetto Marcello

*Indicates when those who are able may stand.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 1987

Matthew 11:30

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." With this invitation, Jesus distinguishes his ministry from that of countless false prophets, messiahs, and charismatic leaders. Jesus comes among the people, not that they might honor and serve him, but that he might heal and restore them. Jesus has no desire for earthly gain. He does not demand expensive offerings and sacrifices. Instead he frees the people to offer their lives, humble and open, as the basis of discipleship.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
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COMMUNITY COUNSELING

Cutbacks in government aid to public schools have curtailed both classroom and extra-curricular programs. In response, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries began a program in 1983 called Ministries in Urban Public Schools. The purpose was to encourage through small grants partnership programs between churches and urban schools to compensate for lost programs and services.

One of the most interesting local initiatives came from Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ in Spokane, Washington. Rev. David Crum, director of its Counseling Center, received $5,000 to provide reduced-rate counseling to students, teachers, and their families where these services were no longer available, or had been drastically reduced.

For referrals from the nine low-income or "highly stressed" target elementary schools, Rev. Crum turned to the public school counselors and quickly established a collegial relationship with them. As a result, the program not only provided benefits to the specific families involved, but also to the school counselors, who were introduced to Westminster Counseling Center's methods and resources, including "Understanding Us," a program to keep families whole that the United Church of Christ helped develop.

Moreover, the philosophy of the United Church of Christ was held up before the community. As Rev. Louis G. Wargo, senior pastor at Westminster, said at the time: "As a rule, persons are reluctant to approach a church-related agency for fear that they will be either judged or 'evangelized.' That does not happen in our Center. We provide such services not to make others believe in Christ but because we do."

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission come back to our communities in many ways.

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Scott Doller and Rob Woody, Acolytes today

July 12, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Matins (Morning Song) Healey Wi

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. Rejoice, for God is among us.
P. Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.
L. Sing praise, for we come to worship God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you ca
us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we s
the brokenness of the world and our ways. Our successe
leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our
prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing.
Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitiv
to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spir
that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

COMMUNION LITURGY A

ister: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord, that when he was at table with two of the disciples, he took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

ple: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know him in the breaking of bread.

ister: For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and, when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Lift up your hearts.

ple: We lift them to the Lord.

ister: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

ple: It is good that we do.

ister: We give you thanks, Lord God, our Creator, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming us in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love. We praise you especially for Jesus Christ; who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all

things. We rejoice in the continuing presenc
of the Holy Spirit, in the Church you have
gathered, in its task of obedience, and in th
promise of eternal life. With the faithful i
every place and time, we praise with joy your
holy Name, saying

All: Holy, holy, holy,
God of love and majesty;
The whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God, Most High.

Minister: Therefore bless now, by your Word and Spirit,
both us and these gifts of bread and wine,
that in receiving them at this table, and in
offering here our faith and praise, we may be
united with Christ and one another, and remai
faithful to the tasks he sets before us.

All: In the strength Christ gives we offer ourselv
to you, giving thanks that you have called us
to serve you. Amen.

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in th
Body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing
we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Come, for all things are ready.

(Each communicant will partake of the bread when served,
symbolizing our individual brokenness. We will partake
of the wine together, symbolizing our unity in Christ).

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 12 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
		Executive Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SCOTT DOLLAR ON JULY 13th!

YES! COUNT ON ME TO HELP WITH

"THE AUCTION"

I VOLUNTEER TO HELP ONE OF THE COMMITTEES

☐ SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP
Chairman Paul Cheek 584-0544
Prepare grounds by setting up tables & chairs, refuse bins, etc.

☐ AUCTION SUPPORT
Chairman
Picking up items; feeding items to auctioneer; pricing lawn sale items; cashier, etc.

☐ FOOD
Chairman Earl Danieley 584-0646
Cooking hamburgers and hot dogs; serving drinks, ice cream, deserts; obtaining supplies; cashier, etc.

☐ ENTERTAINMENT
Chairman John Ketcham 584-7225
Acting as host to bands.

☐ COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION
Chairman
Deliver window posters; solicit product contributions.

☐ I CAN HELP BY: BAKING, MAKING CRAFT ITEMS, ETC.

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-NAME OVER-

WANTED

AUCTION ITEM DONATION

As a matter of information to assist the AUG 29, 1987 AUCTION planning I/WE have the following items that we intend to donate:

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Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

L. Almighty God, who is great in mercy and promises forgiveness of sin to all who truly repent and are sincere in faith: have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all sin, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life.

P. Amen. Thanks be to God.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Organ Music — Priere (A Prayer) — Jean Langlais

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory — Concerto X: "Air" — George F. Handel

*Congregational Response — Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Meditation — "Recognizing the Christ" — Dr. Irvine

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — using Liturgy A

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Benediction

*Postlude Psalm 19: "The Heavens Declare"
Benedetto Marcello

*Indicates when those who are able may stand.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 1987
Matthew 13:8

It is clear from the parable of the Sower that Jesus would have us be good soil, hearing the Word of God, understanding it, and producing rich fruit from it. But good soil does not just happen. It must be developed, fertilized, and taken care of. Likewise we do not become good soil unless, through worship, education, and commitment, our faith is nurtured. The church is charged with helping us all to become the rich ground out of which will grow the fruits of the kingdom of God.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

OVERSEAS MISSION AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

The United Church Board for World Ministries does not deliberately commission political activists. Indeed, UCC overseas missionaries would like nothing better than to pursue their ministries without reference to partisan politics. But when their partners in the host country—"sisters and brothers who are members of our church"—are victims of terrorism and oppression that the United States government supports, they cannot remain silent.

Colin and Karen Glenn first arrived in Nicaragua in the summer of 1986 to begin a health care ministry with CEPAD, the Evangelical Committee for Aid to Development. Not long afterward, armed anti-government rebels, the so-called "Contras," raided a CEPAD health clinic and kidnapped four health workers. The next day, the mutilated bodies of these men were found. "For years, the rural community of San Jose de la Mula had benefited from their labors," Colin wrote of his colleagues, "and for this they died."

Shortly before leaving Africa for home assignment in 1985, Lawrence Gilley met with leaders of the Congregational Church in Mozambique to discuss the possibility of him and his wife, Carol, serving there in the future. When the Gilleys arrived in the United States, Larry learned that Congress was considering giving military aid to insurgents terrorizing the very people who had invited him to Mozambique.

The United Church of Christ did not choose political involvement. But, as Larry Gilley says, "since U.S. policy affects the lives of millions of people around the world, it is important that the church be concerned with and involved in influencing it."

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July 19, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. O sing to the Lord a new song;
P. Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
L. Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, even when we fail to notice it, you surround us with your care: the earth turns in its faithful rotation through the heavens; daily we have light by which to see and air to breathe. O Lord, we fail to notice the many evidences of your care. And we fail to take care of the gifts you have given: we are not good stewards of your creation; we are not good stewards of our own bodies; we are not good stewards of our communities, even of our churches. Forgive us, we pray, that we have not paid attention. Forgive us our willful wrongs. Remake us after the likeness of Jesus. Bring us back to thinking of ourselves as your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	July 19 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
			Auction Planning Committee
Mon.,	July 20 -	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thurs.,	July 23 -	7:00 p.m.	Area Men's Fellowship

HELP! LAST YEAR THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ASKED YOU TO BUY A CHAIR OR TABLE--THIS YEAR, WE'RE TURNING THE TABLES AND ASKING YOU TO GIVE A CHAIR, OR TABLE, OR ANYTHING ELSE, FOR OUR AUG. 29 AUCTION AND LAWN SALE!

OUR FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHURCH DIRECTION AND BUDGET HAVE IDENTIFIED VARIOUS COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT WE, AS A CARING CHURCH, SHOULD SUPPORT. THESE REQUIRE FUNDS THAT WERE NOT BUDGETED BUT WERE DESIGNATED AS CHALLENGE GIFTS. OUR REMAINING CHALLENGE GIFTS REQUIRE FUNDS TOTALLING $3,000.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS SPONSORING THE AUGUST 29, 1987 AUCTION AS A RELATIVELY PAINLESS WAY OF RAISING FUNDS. THIS EFFORT REQUIRES YOUR HELP BY CONTRIBUTING GOODS, OR SERVICES, OR ACTIVE SUPPORT.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF OUR FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD, OR SERVE ON, SOME OF THE COMMITTEES. THEY NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE NECESSARY DUTIES.

JIM UNDERHILL	PAUL CHEEK	JIM GRIZWOLD
WES ALEXANDER	HOLT SUTTON	EARL DANIELEY
RALPH OXFORD	EARL PARKER	MARIE WILKINS
BILL ANDES	JOHN KETCHAM	BIFF BRAFFORD
JIM LYON	MIKE MAYSE	AL CARPENTER
ROBIN WOODY	KEN HARPER	

YOU CAN HELP--WE NEED THE HELP OF EVERYONE TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL TEAM PROJECT. THE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE, THE LESS WORK FOR ANY ONE PERSON--COME HELP!

BY INVITING THE BROADER ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY TO OUR "PUBLIC INVITED" AFFAIR, WE MAY BE ABLE TO SPREAD THE BURDEN. IF SUCCESSFUL, IT MAY SET A PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE. YOUR PARTICIPATION COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE..

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L. Merciful God, who restores us and reclaims us and never gives up on us, we greet this assurance of your love with gratitude. You restore our soul; you put a new spirit within us.

P. Thanks be to God! Amen.

esponsive Reading #67 Psalm 16 p. 517

WITNESS OF FAITH

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RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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rayer of Dedication

ymn 494 "We Would Be Building"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

editation "Being a Real Person" The Rev. Richard McBride

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 489 "I Would Be True"

enediction

ostlude

*Indicates when those who are able may stand.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 1987

Matthew 13:30

It is natural to want to make judgments. Especially when we are enthusiastic about our perceptions and beliefs, it is easy to respond negatively to those who see things differently. But today's parable about the good seed and the weeds growing up together cautions us against premature judgments. We cannot know all things or see all the possibilities for change in other people. God alone must do the judging, and only in the fullness of time, when all have had a chance to grow and bear fruit.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
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Seattle, Washington

PARTNERSHIP

Partnership is not only a hot new buzz-word in the field of economic development. It is even more than an ideal that lifts up the principle of sharing decision-making with those whom we assist. Partnership is also the most efficient way to get things done.

Stories of overseas assistance are replete with examples of delegations of "experts" arriving in their shiny cars and their equally shiny shoes, briefcases and clipboards, talking among themselves instead of with the villagers they have supposedly come to help.

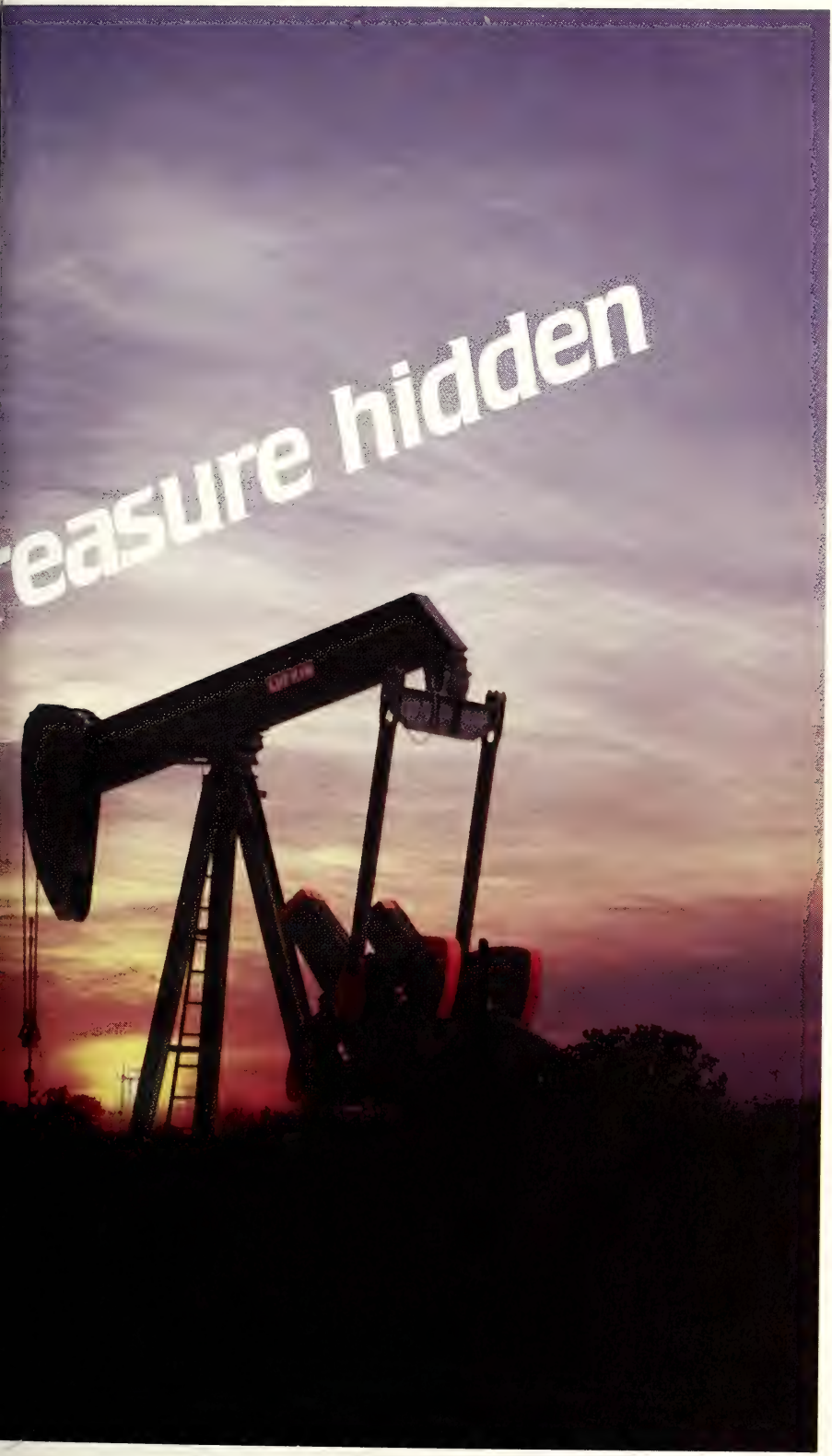
No wonder, then, that clinics get constructed in the middle of traditional village footpaths—which local pedestrians insist upon maintaining, even if the route now takes them through the nurses' dormitory! No wonder local mediums, spirit makers, and village leaders turn their neighbors against agricultural reform when it is implemented from outside without consultation.

Wherever we support relief and development programs overseas, the United Church of Christ works in partnership with local churches, ecumenical organizations, and indigenous social agencies.

Our gifts of food reached the starving people of Ethiopia because they were delivered by our partners. Our water resources projects in Togo fill a genuine need because they were developed in partnership with the local people.

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Travis Loy and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today
Dr. James Moncure, Liturgist today

July 26, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Nun Bitten Wir" Dietrich Buxteh
Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
P. Sing the glory of God's name;
give to God glorious praise!
L. Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,
P. Who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Holy God, before whose presence the guilty flee as clouds before the sun, in the light of your love we confess the darkness of our desires and the deviousness of our deeds; we are without excuse or reason, and we plead only our need of your forgiveness promised us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Second quarter financial statements are available in the narthex.

Articles for the "Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 26 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday - Friday -	7:00 p.m.	Vacation Church School
Tues., July 28 -	7:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
		Auction Planning Committee

IN THIS HOUR

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Recently Blanche Holloway, a lady dear to me and my family, died. One memory, particularly precious, is of the many Sundays Blanche came to church wearing her fox stole. I was fascinated by it. My mother smacked my hands over and over as I reached out to touch that intriguing fox.

Years later, I reminded Blanche of the stole, how I had loved it as a child, and could never resist playing with it. "I just wanted to tell you because I didn't think you ever knew." "Oh, I knew," she said. "Why do you think I wore it so often!"

During the month of February, I sat in the pews as a member of the worshiping congregation. Sitting there with a newborn and a very active two-and-a-half year old, I was reminded of my own mother's struggles with me and my two brothers and sister as she attempted to control our antics and still gain something from the worship service. But this is the way many people worship: as families with squirming, active children, and as those who, like Blanche, cannot resist being part of our dear children's smiles and antics.

At first this bothered me. Gradually, though, I realized that these distractions aren't necessarily bad. Fellowship is a very important component of worshiping God. We come together as God's people on Sunday morning to worship. Sometimes this happens by participating in the liturgy and by listening carefully to the sermon. Sometimes it happens through these so-called distractions.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

When we see the bright smile of a young child, we are reminded of the love of God, and awed by the creative power of God who brings us life. When we hear giggling, we are reminded of a God who brings joy to our lives. And when people graciously volunteer to hold our squirming toddler on their laps and draw pictures for him or her, we are reminded of the sense of family and relatedness that we find together as disciples of Christ.

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Two questions for today: As a worshiper, how do I contribute to and participate in the community of faith? What can I do differently today to be part of the "relatedness that we find together as disciples of Christ"?

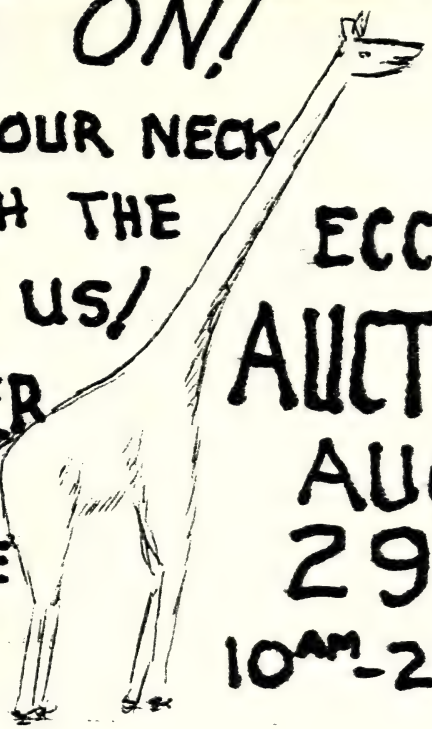
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COME ON!

STICK YOUR NECK OUT WITH THE REST OF US!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP ONE OF THE AUCTION COMMITTEES



ECCC AUCTION

AUG 29

10AM-2PM

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

☐ I VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE _____ COMMITTEE.

☐ I/WE CAN CONTRIBUTE ITEMS OR SERVICES:

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We will deliver by 10 a.m.
We need pick-up service. Items available:
(Date)_____Phone:_____

NAME_____

ADD _____

FOLD AND PLACE IN OFFERING OR MAIL TO CHURCH

LIST OF DONATIONS AS OF JULY 23 & DONOR

JEWELERY CASE	PARKER
BOX COPPER PIPE FITTINGS	PARKER
HOT DOG COOKER,ELECTRIC	CLEM
DEEP FAT FRYER	CLEM
HUMIDIFIER	CLEM
TILLER (SEARS)	CLEM
CLOTHES, MISC.	ACQUILANO
HOUSEHOLD, MISC.	ACQUILANO
BAKED GOODS	SCOTT, DELLA
BAKED GOODS	DIXON, VERA
BAKED GOODS	WILKINS, BETH
CASE OIL (24 QTS)	WILSON TIRE CO.

LIST OF AUCTION COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

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SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

Chairman **Paul Cheek** 584-0544

Prepare grounds by setting up tables & chairs, refuse bins,etc.

Team: **Underhill; Alexander; Dixon; Pendergrass; Daniel**

AUCTION SUPPORT

Chairman

Picking up items; feeding items to auctioneer; pricing lawn sale items; arranging Silent Auction;bid numbers; cashier, etc.

Team: **McCraw; Carpenter; Alexander; Mayse**

Auctioneer: **Ronnie Heath**

FOOD

Chairman **Earl Danieley**

584-0646;

Co-Chair: **Marie Wilkins.**

Cooking hamburgers and hot dogs; serving drinks, ice cream,deserts; obtaining supplies; cashier, etc.

Team: **Acquilano; Griswold**

ENTERTAINMENT

Chairman **John Ketcham** 584-7225

Arranging for and acting as host to bands.

Team:**Ms.Parker**

COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION

Chairman

Deliver window posters; solicit product contributions.

Team:**Oxford; Lyon**

PUBLICITY

Chairman **Earl Parker** 584-1979

Prepare notices for Torch & Bulletin; posters; signs; media.

Team: **McCraw**

GAMES

Chairman

Organize games for entertaining children.

Team: **Harper; Woody**

GENERAL SUPPORT

Members,not otherwise assigned,to provide help where needed.

Team: **Wall; Sutton; Andes; Ms. Kimble**

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading: Psalm 42; Amos 5:6-7, 10-13, 21-24

ermon "God's Waterfalls" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 6 "O Worship the King"

enediction

ostlude "Lobe den Herren" Max Reger

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 1987

Matthew 13:44

What is the most important thing in your life, the one thing for which you would give up all else? Is there any one element in your life that is so compelling? The parable of the treasure hidden in the field prompts us to think about what we value, what it means to value something, where our relationship with God falls in our system of priorities. These are hard questions, and the answers are not necessarily clear-cut. To be challenged to struggle with the answers, though, is important to our life and faith.

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"I REMEMBER . . . ."

"I was born in Cambodia in 1970. My mother die two years later.

"I remember the fighting and killing. The government took away our shoes and made us wear sandals made from old tires. I remember we had to wear black—no color at all. If you wear color, they kill you. When you are ten years old, they take you away from your parents. You have to go far away and work from early morning to midnight digging and cutting grass with a sharp knife. There is never much to eat—only water and few grains of rice. When you are sixteen, they make you join the army and wear a gun.

"Our family decided to try to escape. I remember it took my father, my two sisters, and me four weeks to reach the border of Thailand. We could carry not much food and travel only at night. We slept in the daytime. If the government found us, they would kill us.

"Finally, we reach refugee camp in Thailand. There was a big fence and you could not go out anywhere. You can leave camp only if you have a sponsor in another country. We waited three years to be free . . . ."

The boy who speaks those words is now sixteen. In Cambodia, he would have been carrying a gun. But he is studying today at a high school in North Carolina. His father has a job, and the family is looking forward to a productive life.

One person in one church in the United States heard the call to reach out to one family in bondage, and persuaded her congregation to sponsor them.

Could you be that one person in your congregation?

Mrs. Sally McQueen
First Presbyterian Church
Statesville, North Carolina

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from the LOVE of GOD
in CHRIST JESUS our LORD

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Macon Albertson and Brian Harper, Acolytes today
Ken Harper, Liturgist today

August 2, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Paul
David Vaughan, Guest Organist

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Let us praise the Lord God.
P. Praise God in His sanctuary.
L. Praise Him in His mighty firmament.
P. Praise Him for His mighty deeds.
L. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.
P. Praise the Lord.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

God is near to all who call,
who call from their hearts.
He has come to us in Christ
but we often live as if it made no difference.

Prayer of Confession
Let us confess our sin, using Prayer No. 18, page 505

gregational Response (Hymn 342)

le need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
lo tender voice like thine can peace afford.

efrain: We need thee, Oh, we need thee;
Every hour we need thee;
O bless us now, our Saviour,
we come to thee. Amen.

e for Reflection and Prayer

urance of Pardon

n Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin
new. Thanks be to God!

WITNESS OF FAITH

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RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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ipture Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22, 6:10-13

non "The Church is on the Green" Dr. W. J. Andes

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Benediction and Congregational Response (Hymn 62)

"God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again. Amen."

*Postlude "In Thee is Gladness" Paul Manz

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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Paul Manz is a contemporary composer whose arrangements o
hymn tunes are the favorites of many church musicians.

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IN THIS HOUR

MEMORY AND WORSHIP

How is your three-dimensional memory these days? If you think that you don't have one, it's probably because you just haven't taken the time to appreciate how much you use it during worship on Sunday mornings.

Let's review how your three-dimensional memory works during a worship service.

The past is one of the dimensions.

During the worship service you remember the past. Listening to the stories found in scripture, you hear about Jesus and Moses, Abraham and Sarah. You remember personal experiences evoked by the phrase of a hymn or prayer. You recall people who "used to sit right over there."

Memory carries you into and through the past. You don't stay in the past. But you hear it speaking to you and calling forth feelings of gratitude, giving you inspiration, and reminding you of your roots and your identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Without a past, can the present have a foundation?

The future is one of the dimensions.

Coming before God in worship can be a source of constant transformation. You hear the lessons read, sing the hymns, pray the prayers and you know something deep in your heart; God is asking you to see and work for a tomorrow that's different from today.



You are carried into the future as you remember the promises of God about the future God intends. In that future the reign of God is complete and you are given the basis for living with hope. It is with confidence that you go into tomorrow because God is there. It is with purpose and anticipation that you enter the rest of your life because you remember the promises God has made and the future for which God asks you to work.

The present is one of the dimensions.

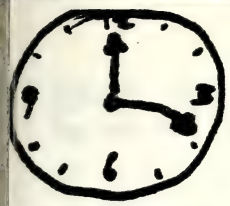
This is the day that God has made and you have reason to be glad and rejoice in it. Now is the time that you find yourself in the sanctuary; your singing, praying, listening and speaking are all a part of the "right now" of your life. Now is the time to be open to God's presence in your life, even if your present leaves something to be desired.

When you remember, you don't put aside the present of your life. The past and the future come alive in the present. As you need to confess your past sin, you confess in the present. As you need to offer praise to God for that which has been and will be, you do it in the present. As you need to give expression to the thanksgiving you feel for what lies behind and ahead, you give thanksgiving now. Even though the past, future, and present are distinct, there is a sense in which they come together in your life.

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Now for the question that started all of this, "How is your three-dimensional memory these days?"

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COOLER	
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HELP TO GROW THIS LIST!

FIRST HAND REPORT:

SELLING AT AUCTION AUG.29

HEAR THE **DIXIE BAND** AND A **BLUE GRASS** BAND AT THE **AUG.29 AUCTION**--COME, AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

THERE WILL BE **GAMES** FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART.

THERE WILL BE **FOOD** AND **DRINK** TO SATISFY THE PALATE

A **LAWN SALE, SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION** WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY JUST THE THING YOU'VE ALWAY WANTED! AND MEN--YOU CAN BID UP THE PRICE ON YOUR WIFE'S CAKE!!

SO FAR, 30 OF OUR CONGREGATION HAVE VOLUNTEERED HE YOU, TOO, CAN SHARE IN THIS CHURCH-WIDE EFFORT:

* YOU CAN **VOLUNTEER** FOR A COMMITTEE
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Second quarter financial statements are available in the narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug. 2 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	Aug. 3 -	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Tues.,	Aug. 4 -	7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
Thurs.,	Aug. 6 -	7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 1987
Romans 8:39

"Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This testimony from Paul underlines for us the absolute power and grace of God's love. There is nothing we can do, no circumstance we can find ourselves in, no condition of life or death, which can cut us off from God. God's desire to love us is always greater than our ability to reject God's love. So we are free to approach God as we are, certain that we will be welcomed, accepted, and loved.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

HUNGER

The admonition seems simple enough: "Share your bread with the hungry . . ." (Isaiah 58:7). But experience has taught us that food relief is only a stop-gap. The same hungry people will be back next week unless they can find ways to become self-sufficient, either by growing their own food or by earning enough to buy the food they need.

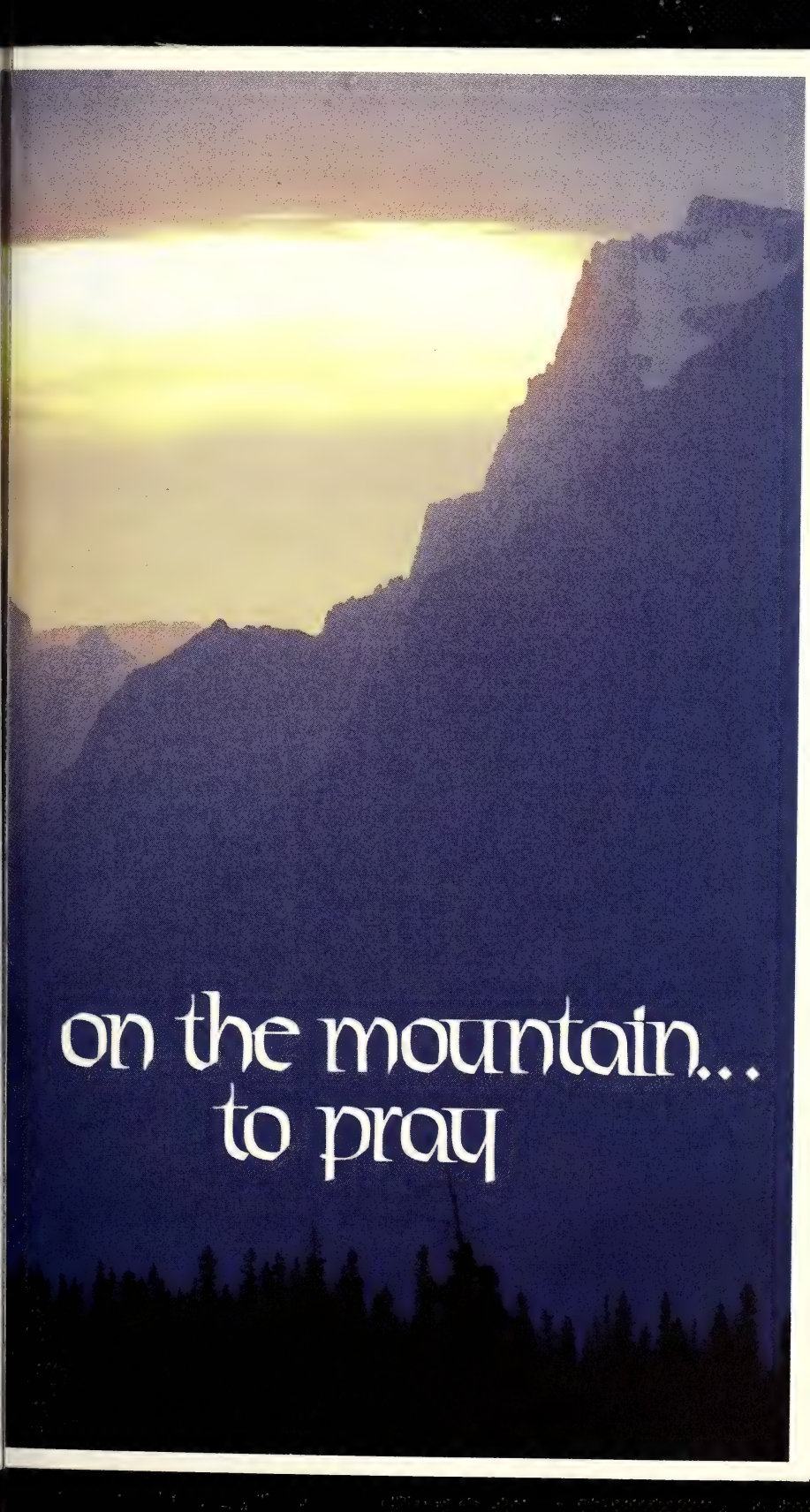
Food relief thus points inevitably to agricultural development and income increment in the search for permanent solutions to hunger in our world. Farm and employment programs are political programs, and so governments get involved—either as donors or recipients, or both. In that way, churches here and our partners overseas become advocates for economic justice in the halls of state.

At first, advocating justice may seem remote from providing charity, but in the dynamics of permanent solutions to hunger, they are interlocked. Recognizing that relationship, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, combines relief, development, and policy advocacy . The United Church of Christ, on the other hand, supports relief and development through OGHS, and advocacy through the Hunger Action Fund.

These are two different routes to the same goal: eliminating hunger at home and abroad through relief, development, and advocacy programs.

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on the mountain...
to pray

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Scott Dollar and Rob Woody, Acolytes today

August 9, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in F Major" Johann Sebastian

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. In truth and love, God has called us into this hous of worship. God has said to us,
P. "You are my people, I am your God."
L. Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing over all the earth. The wor ring out with a glad cry:
P. "You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart."
L. Come, O people of God; let us be glad as we sing God's praises; for our Creator and Redeemer has sai
P. "You are my people, I am your God, You are my people, close to my heart."
L. With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace we lift our voices unto the God of creation, who redeems us and keeps us by the power of grace which comes from the God we worship this day.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 13 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

son Prayer of Confession

lmighty and most merciful God, we confess that we
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, that
ave not loved you with all our heart and soul, with
our mind and strength and that we have not loved our
hbors as ourselves. We ask you, God, to be forgiving
hat we have been, to help us to change what we are,
in your mercy to direct what we shall be, so that we
delight in your will and follow to our life's end in
steps of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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rance of Pardon

e of good courage, for God sent the Word into the
d not to judge but to save. I say to you in the
of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven. Through
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rtory: Meditation on Psalm 42:1 Peter Hurford
"Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

on Reading 95 Psalm 100 p. 531

Testament Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

on "The Wind, the Waves, and Jesus" Rev. Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 223 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Benediction and Congregational Response (Hymn 62)

"God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again. Amen."

*Postlude "Capriccio" Johann Jacob Froberger

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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IN THIS HOUR

CANDLES

As the candles are lit,
I remember Jesus, the light of the world,
who said to his followers:
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

The light of life:
Hope where despair darkens
Compassion where apathy blinds
Joy where sadness clouds
Comfort where pain and anguish pierce
Justice where injustice oppresses
Courage where fear reigns
Trust where worry burdens
Cleansing where wrongdoing tarnishes
Reconciliation where alienation divides
Healing where hurts wound
Peace where strife disturbs
Grace where sin abounds

As the candles are burning,
I remember Jesus, the light of the world,
who said to his followers:
You are the light of the world.
Let your light so shine,
that you may give glory to God.

As I see the flames of the candle,
I think of the Holy Spirit,
who came to the first disciples of Jesus
as tongues of fire resting on each one of them;
and I sense the presence and power of that
same Spirit moving among us here in this place.

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I see the candles and remember Jesus
and sing to myself:
"This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

When the candles are extinguished,
I will continue to remember Jesus
and will seek to follow and be like Jesus:
a light of life to the world.

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SPREAD THE WORD-
TELL YOUR FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS !
E MORE THE MERRIER !!
WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

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List of Donations as of August 3, 1987

Jewelery Case
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Household, Misc.
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G.E. Wringer Wash Machine
Bed and Mattress
Table
Cooler
Bedside Table
Stained Glass Window
Martin Bird House
Baked Goods
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Vases and Flower Containers
Flower Pots
Household Miscellaneous, Clothing
Baked Goods

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Second quarter financial statements are available in the narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug. 9 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Wed.,	Aug. 12 -	7:00 p.m.	Task Force for Children's Ministries

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 1987

Matthew 14:23

We are very busy people. Families, work, school, community service, church; all claim our time and energy. Sometimes in the midst of our busyness, we lose perspective. We respond to the immediacies of life, forgetting what is most important. Jesus withdrew from the crowds to take time in silence to pray. We also need to withdraw and listen to God in the silence of our hearts. We need to remember who we are and see again the vision that informs our lives.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

EIRENE

Today, the institution of marriage is under pressure in Latin America, as in other parts of the world. Since 1979, EIRENE Internacional, an ecumenical ministry that stands for "harmony or peace between marriage partners and their children," has ministered to families in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina, Venezuela, and Mexico. Under the leadership of its coordinator, Dr. Jorge Maldonado, EIRENE provides counseling, conducts workshops, and publishes materials on all facets of marriage.

Through the United Church board for World Ministries, we support EIRENE in several ways. Mary and Peter Savage, Board-appointed missionaries in Mexico from 1980 to 1984, shared leadership in this new ministry to the family. "Even though we are often ministering in moments of great crisis," they wrote at the time, "we discover beautiful people and stimulating growth experiences."

Eugene and Helen Braun, self-supporting Associates of the UCBWM in Ecuador, look to EIRENE for assistance in their ministry near Quito. When women in the church come to the Brauns seeking help, they can turn to EIRENE. "Its well-qualified and hard-working staff provides family counseling and training for counselors," they report.

With our gifts to Our Church's Wider mission, we help EIRENE minister to Latin American families in crisis.


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Katie and Jamie Brown, Acolytes today

August 16, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Two Liturgical Preludes" Gaston Lita

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice!
P. For God has gathered us together from all the corners of the earth,
L. To know the joyful unity of being one with Christ.
P. Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 4 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgivene and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Beyer and Mr. Raymond T. Kallop by Bill and Shirley Beyer.

The meeting of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES scheduled for tomorrow evening, August 17th, has been cancelled. This meeting is re-scheduled for Monday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. Members of this Board are requested to mark this date on their calendars.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 16 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Pool Party at the Brown's
Thurs., Aug. 20 -	DEACON'S ALL CHURCH EVENT	

IN THIS HOUR

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The dinner table is a special place for all of the members of the Miller family. Not only does everybody look forward to the meals, but it is also a special time for everyone to share the things that have happened to them during the day and to talk about how they are feeling. The dinner table is "home" where each member of the family has her or his special place.

The Miller family has a large bell outside the kitchen door. When dinner is ready, the bell is rung as the sign to the Miller children playing in the neighborhood to let them know they should come home for dinner. Of course there are other family patterns around mealtimes, too. But each family usually has some way—some "ritual"—to indicate that the family will gather.

There are some parallels between these rituals in the Miller family and the rituals of the church. Many churches have bells which are rung when it is time for the worship service to begin. The bells symbolically call all of the members to gather around the Lord's Table. This is followed by a "call to worship" in the sanctuary or meeting place.

The call to worship:

- identifies those who come in response to the call as members of a family—a family of faith. It says that each one who gathers here is no longer only an individual but also part of a family. Each person has a special place and is welcome in this family.

- announces that it is God who has made this group of strangers into a family with members who care about one another and are loyal to one another.

- tells all who gather that God is the center and focus of this special time in the life of the family of faith. The family is called together to praise God, thank God, and learn more about God.

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- says that this time is different for the family than any other time. This is a time to gain perspective on all of the other times of the day and week.

- provides a cue to remember who one is, to remember all those experiences which have brought one into a faith relationship with God, to remember that one is a child and disciple of God.

The call to worship acknowledges that the call is not primarily a call to a place of worship but to a relationship with God and with other members of the faith family.

When the members of the Miller family gather at the dinner table they know themselves in subtle and profound ways to be "the Miller family." Likewise, when individual Christians gather in worship they know themselves in subtle and profound ways to be "the family of God," the Church.

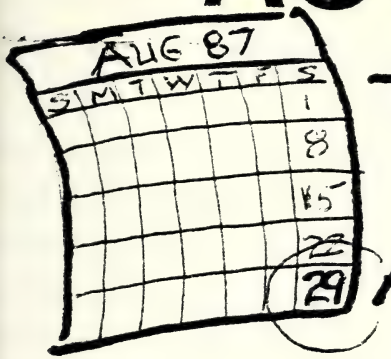
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Prayer

O God, thank you for the many times when and places where I have heard the call to worship. Thank you for the people whose voices have spoken the call and thank you for the people who have gathered in responses to it. Amen.

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AUCTION



THE BIG DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

SATURDAY, AUG 29 - 10 a.m.

HAVE YOU DONE ALL YOU CAN TO HELP?

* DONATE ITEMS
* TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS
* PLAN TO ATTEND

☐ I VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE _____ COMMITTEE. _____

☐ I/WE CAN CONTRIBUTE ITEMS OR SERVICES:

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We will deliver by 10 a.m.
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NAME_____

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Deep Fat Fryer
Humidifier
Tiller (Sears)
Clothes, Misc.
Household, Misc.
Baked Goods
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Case Oil (24 qts)
G.E. Wringer Wash Machine
Bed and Mattress
Table
Cooler
Bedside Table
Stained Glass Window
Martin Bird House
Baked Goods
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Vases and Flower Containers
Flower Pots
Household Miscellaneous, Clothing
Baked Goods
Floor Buffer
Golf Balls
Athletic Equipment
Baked Goods
Couch and Love Seat

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Gloria Patri (Hymn 513)

Reading #122 (read responsively) p. 543

Prayers of the People

A Time with Children

Offering

Offertory "Pastorale" César Franck

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 263 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon "Canaanites and Other Outsiders" Rev. Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 80 "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

Benediction

Congregational Response (Hymn 62)

"God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again. Amen."

Postlude Choral Prelude: "Praise to the Lord"
Johann Walther

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 1987
Matthew 15:22

It was unheard of for a Canaanite woman to approach a Jewish rabbi and ask for help. But there was something about this particular rabbi that encouraged the woman to risk it. She approached Jesus; she argued with him, and in response to her words, Jesus healed her daughter. The story illustrates not only the faith of the Canaanite woman, but also the relationship that God in Christ would have with us: one in which we are free to bring our concerns to God, and God in love will respond.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
Plymouth Congregational Church
Seattle, Washington

DAKOTA CHRISTIANS

This weekend, members of the Dakota Association of the United Church of Christ, along with the Dakota Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are gathered at Buffalo Lake Church in Sisseton, South Dakota, for their annual mission meeting. This marks the 115th year that American Indian Christians in the northern plains area have met together for worship and business, food and fellowship.

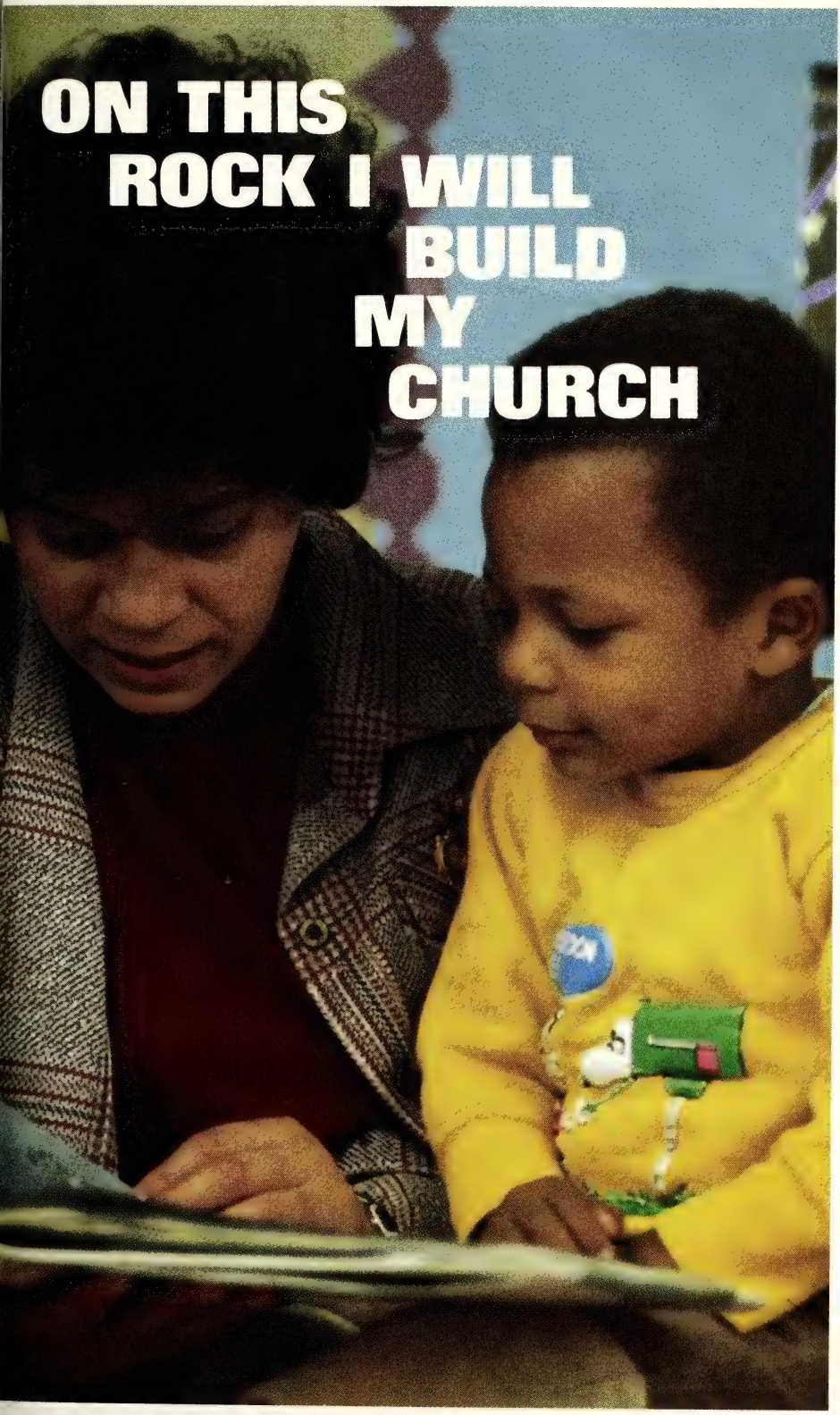
It is an occasion for celebrating over a century of Christian mission in the Dakotas. But it is also a time when the divided mind of the Indian community raises questions about the reservation church.

Under the revival tent, participants in the mission meeting sing the white man's hymns to which the missionaries added Dakota Sioux words. A few miles away, other Sioux gather for a pow-wow dedicated to preserving the ancient dances and other traditional Indian ways.

All too often, Indian people have been forced to choose between the ways of their ancestors and the ways of the white missionaries. But now a new generation of Indians and missionaries seeks means of expressing the Gospel in Indian terms in order to bring renewed vitality and richness to the spiritual life of the Dakotas.

We support them through the Council of American Indian Ministry and our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Travis Loy and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today
Dr. Warren Board, Liturgist today

August 23, 1987 11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Three Chorale Preludes:
"All Glory Be to God on High"
Johann Walther, J. Pachelbel, A. Vett

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. "For worship is a thirsty land crying out for rain,
P. it is a candle in the act of being kindled,
L. it is a drop in quest of the ocean,
P. it is a voice in the night calling for help,
L. it is a soul standing in awe before the mystery of the universe,
P. it is time flowing into eternity,
L. ...one climbing the altar stairs to God."

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 38 "Morning Has Broken"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, Lord of mercy and judgment, we acknowledge tha we fall short of our own standards, and that even those standards are less than the best that we know. We deceive ourselves and others, that we might be excused. We confes that we measure our merit by those around us, and close o eyes to the needs of others. We judge others severely ar

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh by Gladys Vickers and Della Marie McKinnon.

The devotional books "THESE DAYS" for September-October are available in the narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug. 23 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 p.m.	Church Council
Mon.,	Aug. 24 -	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Tues.,	Aug. 25 -	7:00 p.m.	Southern Conference Cornerstone Campaign Dinner - Union Ridge UCC
Thurs.,	Aug. 27 -	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity
Sat.,	Aug. 29 -	10:00 a.m.	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AUCTION

LAST CALL!

LIST ITEMS TO BE Donated:

☐ I will donate:

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HOW ABOUT DONATING YOUR SERVICES? ie., Tree cutting; lawn mowing, painting - Services can be offered by the task or by the hour and auctioned accordingly.

☐ We need pick-up service. Items available:

(Date)_____ Phone: _____

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OLD AND PLACE IN OFFERING ←

PARTIAL LIST OF DONATED ITEMS.

ABLE
OOLER
EDSIDE TABLE
TAINED GLASS WINDOW
ARTIN BIRD HOUSE
AKED GOODS
RESH VEGETABLES
NEW CUSHIONS
URTAINS
UPSHADE
TAL OFFICE CHAIR
RY BED & MATTRESS
UFFED ANIMALS
DIES GRAY WOOL SUIT
BLE

JEWELERY CASE
BOX COPPER PIPE FITTINGS
HOT DOG COOKER, ELECTRIC
DEEP FAT FRYER
HUMIDIFIER
TILLER (SEARS)
CLOTHES, MISC.
HOUSEHOLD, MISC.
BAKED GOODS
BAKED GOODS
BAKED GOODS
CASE OIL (24 BTS)
BED & MATTRESS
CHAISE
CHAIR

ELECTRIC FRANKENBURGER
SCHWINN SUPER LE TOUR BIKE
TABLE
PORTABLE WHIRLPOOL BATH
VAPORIZER/HUMIDIFIER
HONDA CB 360G '74 MOTORCYCLE
TOASTMASTER TOASTER 4 SLICE
CONSOLE STEREO
PING-PONG TABLE
SUN LAMP 2-LIGHT FIXTURE
TOY BOX (ON ROLLERS)
BRIDGE TABLE
BOOKCASE
SEARS EXERCISE TREADMILL
BATH MAT & CORRODE SET
BED SPREAD

LONG LOW TABLE
DANISH MODERN CHAIRS (2)
FLOOR BUFFER
GOLF BALLS
ATHLETIC EXERCISER
COUCH
LOVE SEAT
VASES & FLOWER POTS
HOUSEHOLD, MISC.
OUT SIDE LIGHT FIXTURE
HANDBALLS & GLOVES
TENNIS BALLS
RUGS (2)
WATERPICK SHOWERHEAD
DNG. RM. LIGHT FIXT.
FLUORESENT FIXTURES (2)

PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO PARISH MORNINGS THIS WEEK OR ON THUR & FRI EVENINGS BETWEEN 7-9 PM

THE COMMITTEES NEED SOME TIME TO PROCESS THE ITEMS FOR THE SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 EVENTS.

POST

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Don't Miss The

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1967

Auction - Aug 29th

10AM - 2PM

Come Out - Bring Friends & Neighbors - Enjoy the Festivities!

Be Prepared (Bring Money!)

Every dollar will go to our Challenge Gift budget to aid needy causes - be generous with your bids.

ENTERTAINMENT - GAMES - LAWN SALE - AUCTION - FOOD & DRINKS -

A GALA EVENT

- RAIN OR SHINE -

The BIG DAY has arrived!

ourselves easily, calling our sins by kinder names. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (responsive):

L. If we confess our sins sincerely, we are assured of God's forgiveness.
P. We believe Christ came to save sinners and that is what we are.
L. Then, believe and say the good news:
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 125 Matthew 5:3-16 p. 544

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Chorale: "For Me to Live is Christ" Walther

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Peter 3:13-22; Romans 12:14-21

Sermon "When Christians Fight Back" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Pasticcio" Jean Langlais

*The congregation may stand at these points.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 1987

Matthew 16:18

Are you a rock? You probably don't think so, not in the way the word is used in today's gospel. Peter didn't think he was a rock either, and he didn't seem very much like a rock—with his questions and pretensions, and his denial of Jesus. But to Peter was given great responsibility for the kingdom of God. In all generations, the work of the church has been carried out largely by ordinary people, people like you and me, enabled by God to do more than we think is possible. So it will continue.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
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UNITY

When United Church of Christ members gather—as congregations, associations, and conferences, as corporate boards and synods—unity is always the watchword. In prayer and song, in sermon and sacrament, we renew our dedication to the unity of all humanity in God's love.

Lifting up the ideal of one unified human family, founded upon and nurtured by God's love for all, is only one dimension of our ministry of inclusiveness. We also look squarely into the hate-filled eyes of the divisiveness that constantly menaces our dream; and then we seek to disarm it. For, without our constant prayers, protests, and reconciling witness, the world will only grow more strife-torn.

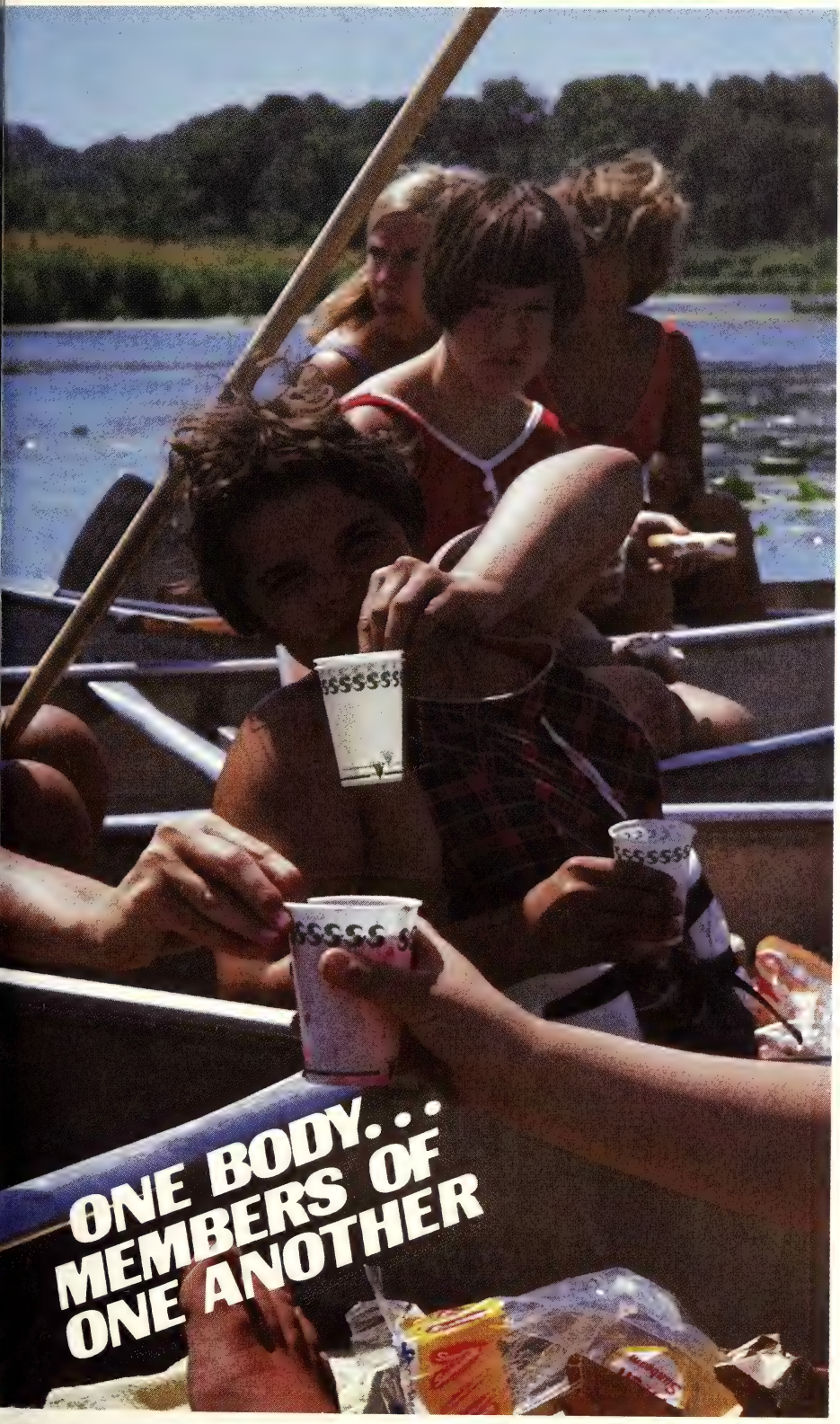
We cannot emphasize unity too often in a world as fractured by internecine conflict and division as ours: Tamil and Sinhalese in Sri Lanka, Christian and Muslim in the Philippines, Arab and Jew in the Middle East, black and white in South Africa.

In all these places, where ethnic and religious differences are an occasion for conflict rather than a cause for celebration, our partner churches and United Church Board for World Ministries-appointed missionaries are actively at work in reconciliation

The soil of human history has been sown with the seeds of dissension. Today, the forces of evil in the world look forward confidently to a continuing harvest of hatred and violence.

But Christians are convinced that disruptive forces can be overcome. Those who follow God's way of reconciliation and love continually reaffirm our commitment to unity not only in word but also through support for Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Shannon Albertson, Acolyte today

August 30, 1987 11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Ora Pro Nobis" Franz Lis

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

L. God, we are seeking you;
P. Let yourself be found.
L. God, we are calling you;
P. Listen to our prayers.
ALL: We enter your courts with singing.
We walk through your gates with thanksgiving.
Receive your people with gladness!
Welcome us with blessings!

PRAISE OF GOD

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 97 "God of Our Life"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts

o us. In these moments together, draw us so close that
e cannot help but know every day that you are with us,
herever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, that we
ay see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

esponsive Reading 72 Psalm 32 p. 51

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Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ongregational Response Doxology (515)

rayer of Dedication

ymn 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-9

ermon "The Key That Unlocks the Bible" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace me fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*Benediction

*Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" J. S. Bac

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Leader: We welcome into the membership of our church today the following person(s) . . . . . by . . . . . Friends, we greet you in Christ's name and Spirit. You come not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We welcome you to the worship and work of Elon College Community Church. We invite you to become a part of Christ's mission among us and through us.

eople: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

eader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

ew Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

nison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Miss Mary Lynn Brafford by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brafford.

There will be a meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL on Tuesday evening, September 1, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug.	30	- 9:45 a.m.	Church School
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	Sept.	1	- 7:00 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL
			7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Sat.,	Sept.	5	- Children's Library Work Day.	

Ray Covington, who is joining our congregation this morning, comes by letter of transfer from Jonesboro United Methodist Church in Sanford. Ray works at Elon College and has sung in our church on many occasions. We welcome him happily into membership.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 1987
Romans 12:4

There are those who believe that relationship to God is purely individual. The Bible insists that we relate to God not only as individuals, but also as community. God's covenant in Exodus is with the whole people of Israel. As a people, not singly, they travel their faith journey. Paul's understanding of the church as the Body of Christ affirms both our individual and our communal relationship with God. To be God's people, we need to be in relationship with one another, sharing our gifts and our stories in the community of faith.

Rev. Elizabeth N. Oettinger
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TOXIC POLLUTION AND POOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES

It all started with a hole in the ground. The state of North Carolina intended to fill it with topsoil contaminated with PCB, a toxic pollutant. But citizens of surrounding Warren County wanted no part of it. That's when the North Carolina/Virginia Field Office of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice got involved. The issue of justice arose because the site of the landfill had been selected not for scientific but for political reasons. The people of the area are predominantly poor and black.

It soon became clear to CRJ that Warren County is not an isolated case of the arbitrary locating of toxic waste facilities. The largest hazardous waste dump site in the nation is found in Sumter County, Alabama, a predominantly poor and black area.

A national problem called for a national response. With the support of a Neighbors in Need Offering grant, the Commission for Racial Justice undertook to assist churches, associations, and conferences of the United Church of Christ, as well as other groups, to develop a national network to deal with the issue of toxic pollution in poor and minority communities.

The extent of the problem has now been fully documented in a massive study sponsored by CRJ. Moreover, many other denominations, and the National Council of Churches, have now expressed their concern about the issue.

Once again, through our Church's Wider Mission, the United Church of Christ is playing a prophetic role in the struggle for human justice.


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September 6, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Priére" Jean Lan
"Song of Peace"

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God calls us together to worship this morning. Fro our work and play, God gathers us to give thanks fo creation's goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.

P. From amidst our friends and families God brings u here to participate in a community of faith, Chri people, a new family.

L. From everyday conversations, talk, and chatter, God invites us to engage one another in dialogue, to sp in truth from the depths of heart and mind, to pray freely.

ALL: Let us heed God's call and rejoice in what God enables. Welcome to worship.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 11 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

You give us a vision of a new world, O God, yet we fi it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your prese among us, yet we seek our own way out of life's wildern Wipe away our fear of the unknown, and our obsession wi the known. Make us a pilgrim people, in Jesus' name. A

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to tne glory of God and in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Grimley and Mr. and Mrs. Mark McAdams. The Grimleys are celebrating their 23rd Wedding Anniversary today. The flowers are given by Mrs. Lois Bost.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Sept. 6 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	Sept. 7 -	Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday	
Tues.,	Sept. 8 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Sept. 9 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		6:45 p.m.	Church School Teachers
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	CROP

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Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right that we should.

It is our duty and delight, Creator God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts, the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

We thank you that we do not celebrate this supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present, and to come. With them and with all creation we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy,
Mighty Lord God,
Everything makes your greatness known:
We acknowledge it too.

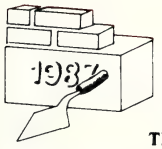
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Unison Prayer after Communing:

Eternal and Gracious God,
we praise and worship and adore you
for the food we have received at this table.
You have sent your Holy Spirit among us
to make our eating and drinking here
a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May your Spirit help us today and tomorrow
to make our living and our working,
our loving and doing and thinking,
a memorial of Jesus;
so that in the end,
with the great company of the redeemed,
we may eat and drink and be glad with him
in the glory of the eternal kingdom.

To him, with you our Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, may all that lives and breathes--the world
and all creation--give glory, worship, and praise,
now and forever. Amen!



THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

"Building for the Future"

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
P.O. Box 2410, Burlington, North Carolina 27216; 919-584-0027

SEPTEMBER 6, 1987

CHURCH RENEWAL $50,000

Church Renewal is a program of assistance to congregations which have a new opportunity to grow and to serve their community in new ways. Small churches in settings that were rural for generations now see housing developments being built nearby. We want to help select churches meet these new challenges. Cornerstone wants to add $50,000 to endowment funds for this purpose.

The Southern Conference currently supports renewal projects in Charlotte and Richmond. We are helping Pilgrim Church in Charlotte with pastoral subsidy funds so the congregation can conduct a strong outreach in that area of high potential for membership growth. First UCC in Richmond needed to relocate in a neighborhood that offers more opportunities for membership growth. The cost of property and a new sanctuary are high, however, and Southern Conference has been able to give only minimal financial aid to the church thus far.

When it seems appropriate to undertake a renewal project, the staff and Conference Board of Directors work with the congregation to determine its potential and needs. Perhaps the church requires financial help in sustaining full-time pastoral leadership. Perhaps it requires a new building and location altogether. In other instances, the church may need training to increase membership, reach inactive members, or equip the laity for more competent leadership. Adequate funds could help us give such churches a new vitality and motivation that will turn them into growing congregations with a well-balanced program for all ages.

Southern Conference plans to conduct such a renewal project every other year.



Here, some members of First UCC in Richmond break ground for their new sanctuary. Rev. Ineke Mitchell, pastor of the church says, "The need for the Cornerstone Campaign is great... Our congregation has stretched itself to the limit, supporting with heart and soul and purse our 'resurrection.' The future looks bright for our family of faith, however, as we have added to our membership 17 adults and 8 children in the last six months."

So then you are . . . members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:19/20)

THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

September 6 through October 11 is our special six-week emphasis on the Cornerstone Campaign. After twenty-one years of generous giving to separate campaigns conducted by our colleges and other affiliated institutions, we feel a strong need to raise money for the Southern Conference itself. Careful studies have determined we must strengthen our services to the churches and clergy of this conference. With Christ as our Cornerstone and each of us as the builders, we can lay a solid foundation for our future.

The Cornerstone Campaign has as its goal $385,000 for endowment funds and current use. This sum will enable the Southern Conference to embark on a vigorous mission program of Mission and Evangelism, Ministerial Education and Assistance. It will also enable us to sustain those efforts into the future.

You may make a special gift directly to the Southern Conference or give through your church. Each congregation will be asked to accept a three-year goal. Funds that are received without designation will be divided proportionally among all the areas of mission and used for endowment.

I. MISSION AND EVANGELISM

A. Church Renewal	**$ 50,000**
B. New Church Starts	$100,000
C. Media Advertising	$ 25,000

II. MINISTERIAL OUTREACH

A. Scholarships For Seminary Students	$100,000
B. Continuing Education	$ 35,000
C. Clergy Assistance Fund	$ 40,000
Cost of the Campaign	$ 35,000
Total Campaign Needs	$385,000

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 95 Psalm 100 p. 531

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Anthem" Jean Langlais

*Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Introduction to the Hymn of the Month

*Hymn of the Month 32 "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 11:27-29, 12:12-27

Meditation "Discerning the Body" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy D

*Hymn 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Agincourt Hymn" John Dunstable

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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In the work place today, we live more by indebtedness than by love. Instead of building one another up by honor and respect, we tear one another down by competition and a complex unwritten system of "he owes me one." How different our work might be if we could live by this morning's scripture! Instead of owing and being owed, we might honor and be honored, love and be loved. We might even become ministers of Jesus Christ in the workplace, transforming the very nature of our society and world.

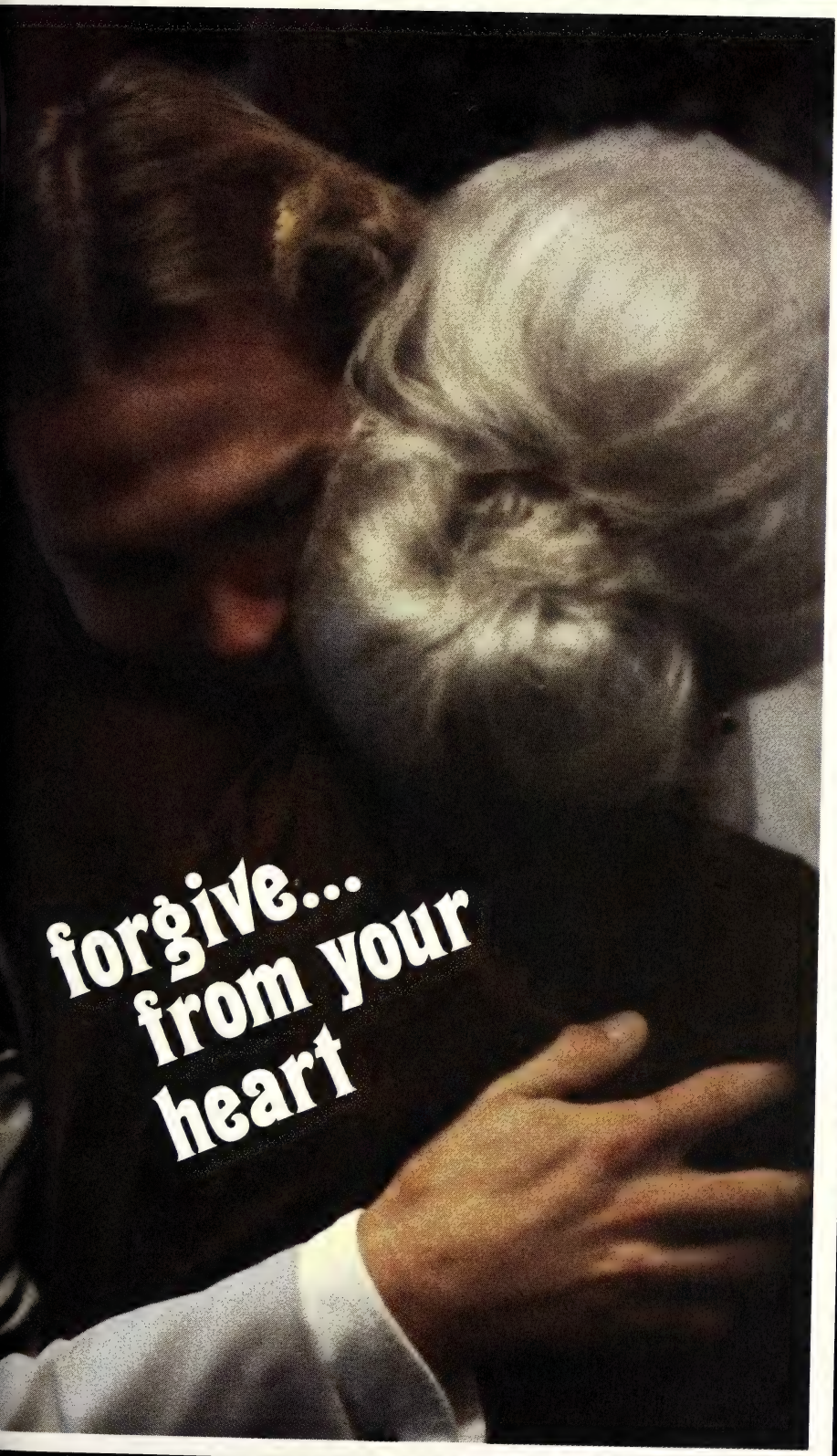
Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
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For many of us, Labor Day means the end of summer. When Congress established it in 1894, however, the holiday was intended to honor laborers.

The idea was launched by the Knights of Labor, a progressive industrial union that flourished a hundred years ago. They vanished before accomplishing nearly all the reforms they sought, which should remind us that a national holiday is no substitute for an economic order in which all participate and all are nurtured.

In its study paper, *Christian Faith and Economic Life,* the Economics and Theology Covenant Group of the United Church of Christ shows how far we have to go. Economic democracy implies full employment, which means providing a productive job to every citizen needing work. It also involves the possibility of worker participation in management. "Workers who gain their livelihood from productive labor should have some voice in the conditions and terms of employment," the authors state.

The underlying assumption of economic democracy is that all individuals have inherent economic as well as political rights. Among them are the right of people to access to employment, food, shelter, and health care. For many of us, thoughts of economic democracy may not come immediately to mind on the Sunday preceding Labor Day. But our faith should remind us that as long as there is injustice, we cannot be complacent.


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September 13, 1987 STUDENT SUNDAY 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Psalm Prelude III" Herbert How

Choral Call to Worship
"Thou Whose Purpose Is to Kindle" Ronald Ar

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

"The Lord's Prayer" Alamance Civic Dance Cor

*Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession
O God, adversary of evil everywhere, and Savior of al
who put their trust in you: forgive any unwillingness
have shown to do your will, any reticence to proclaim t
Good News of Jesus Christ, any doubt that your promised
realm will fully come and will not fail. We have not b
prepared to serve you at the risk of personal reputatio
or at hazard of private wealth. Have mercy on us, who
so far short of your high demands; for the sake of Jesu
Christ, who served your purpose without reservation. A

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

"Song of Mary" Alamance Civic Dance Co

WITNESS OF FAITH

esponsive Reading from Psalms 30 and 149

. I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast drawn me up,
. and hast not let my foes rejoice over me.
. O Lord my God, I cried to thee for help,
. and thou hast healed me.
. O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol,
. restored me to life that I should not go down
to the Pit.
. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing,
. thou hast loosed my sackcloth and girded me
with gladness,
. that my soul may praise thee and not be silent.
. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to thee for ever.
. Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!
. Let them praise God's name with dancing,
making melody to God with timbrel and lyre!
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
God adorns the humble with victory.

them "The Lord of the Dance" Music: Traditional English
Text: Sydney Carter

rayer for Peace" Alamance Civic Dance Company

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination

ripture Reading: II Samuel 6:1-23

ditation "Devotion in Motion" Dr. Irvine

n Remembrance of Me" Alamance Civic Dance Company

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 147 "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

"Sing Your Praise to the Lord" Alamance Civic Dance Compar

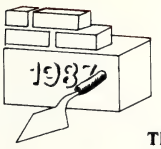
*Benediction

*Postlude "Fanfare" Kenneth Leightc

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We welcome as our special guests five members of the Alamance Civic Dance Company, who will present seven segments of liturgical dance during worship this morning. Dance Mistress of the group is Mrs. Jane Wellford, dancing instructor at Elon College. Other members are Jana Lynn Patterson, Kathryn Sheill, Ginger Strickland, and Gina Terrell.

At the conclusion of worship today all are invited to attend a meal prepared by church members.



THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

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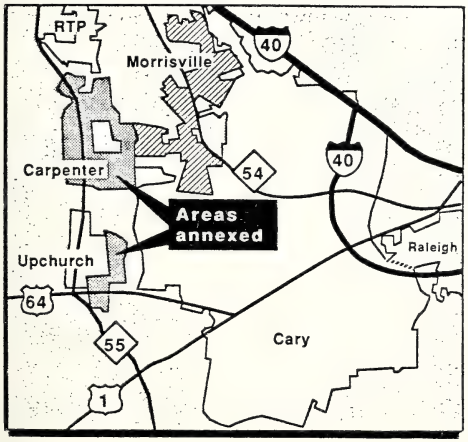
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NEW CHURCH STARTS $100,000

The need for church development in the Southern Conference is immense as parts of North Carolina and Virginia experience population booms. From now until 1990, certain sections of Charlotte, Raleigh, Cary, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake are projected to welcome thousands of new families! Many newcomers are members of the United Church of Christ and seek a vital, promising UCC congregation. A weak UCC presence in these areas causes us to lose people whose time, talents, and energy could significantly further the life and mission of Southern Conference.

A new church start is currently underway in Cary, North Carolina, one of the ten fastest growing boom towns in the U. S. The Southern Conference has covenanted with the Board of Homeland Ministries to subsidize the organizing minister's first five years of salary. BHM will provide low interest loans for the building site and for construction. After five years, the church should be ready to build and have a full program for a growing congregation. Research shows that a well-organized church in the Cary area can achieve this goal.

With help from the Cornerstone Campaign, Southern Conference can start a new church every other year. Careful research will precede each project, and no church will be developed in an area where it truly competes for membership with another UCC congregation. Some funds for new starts are now available from the annual interest on our Southern Conference Mission Board Endowment. An addition of $100,000 to the endowment base will significantly increase our resources for church development, insuring their use far into the future.



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Rev. Edward Rawls,
Pastor of New Church
Start In Cary

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		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
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Tues.,	Sept. 15 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
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		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Sept. 17 -	8:00 p.m.	Organ Recital Dr. Wayne Moore

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 1987

Matthew 18:35

"It's okay," we say, "I know you didn't mean it." We like to think of ourselves as quick to forgive. But are we? How often are we truly able to let go of the offense and forgive from the heart? It festers inside us and claims our energy. Even in small measure, a grudge begins to define us. Jesus wants us to know the peace that comes with forgiveness from the heart instead of just from the lips. Free yourself today. Let go of the grudges that fester inside you, and cleanse your heart.

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jesus is Lord! This is the earliest creed. But what does it mean today?

This is the basic challenge to Christian education: to interpret and reinterpret the faith once delivered. Each new age calls for fresh ways of expressing the meaning of the gospel.

A creed or a confession is a dynamic, not static thing. God is the God of the living, not of the dead. As Christians, therefore, we are not preservers of the past so much as pioneers of the future. For Christ is Lord of the future.

There is a further dimension to our task in Christian education: what we do as teachers and learners occurs within the church community. Its actions speak louder than words from pulpit to classroom. Learning ventures that we plan with such care may come to naught if the everyday life of the church sends a different message.

Yet, teach we must, in fear and trembling. Education is at the heart of the church's life. But worship, liturgical seasons, envangelism, committee work, and the way we share and care also teach.

Our hope, our prayer this day, is that we shall be faithful in that task.

Rev. Lindell Sawyers
Associate for Adult Education
and Family Ministry
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Choral Call to Worship "Write Your Name upon my Heart"
Alice Jor

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Responsive Call to Worship

L. The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place
P. The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to procla the gospel to all people.
L. The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.
P. As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

When we put off until tomorrow our response to your ca forgive us, O God. When our good intentions are not followed by good actions, have patience with us, O God. When we harden our hearts, making all kinds of excuses w we should not serve you, O God, have mercy. Today when hear your voice, may we rise up to obey, through the gra of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of Baptism.

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT. THERE IS ONE HOPE IN GOD'S CALL TO US.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Jesus said: unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the realm of God. Paul the Apostle said: all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

THIS IS THE WATER OF BAPTISM. OUT OF THIS WATER WE RISE WITH NEW LIFE, FORGIVEN OF SIN AND ONE IN CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY.

To parent(s): Do you desire to have your child (children) baptized?

Parent(s): I/we do.

To parent(s) and sponsor(s): Do you promise, by the grace of God, to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, showing love and justice as best you are able?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

Do you promise to show this child a Christian life, grow with this child in the Christian faith, guide this child in a life of prayer, and offer this child the nurture of the Christian church?

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TO THE CONGREGATION:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and offers them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one(s) about to be baptized, as he/she/they live(s) and grow(s) in Christ?

People: WE DO.

Baptismal Hymn (sung to the tune of "Morning Has Broken")

_____, WE GREET YOU, THIS HAPPY MORNING:
YOUR DAY OF LIFE WE NOW RECOGNIZE.
HERE IS THE WATER, WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE NAME YOU, AND WITH THANKSGIVING
OFFER OUR PRAYERS, AND SING YOU THIS SONG.
WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE ARE ALL OF GOD OUR FATHER,
RISKING AND LOVING, DARING TO SEE
THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM GROWING AMONG US.
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UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Doxological version)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
You have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE BAPTISM

BAPTISM

By what name will your child be called?

_____, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Holy Spirit be upon you, _____, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

UNISON PRAYER

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, HOLY GOD, MOTHER AND FATHER OF ALL THE FAITHFUL, FOR THIS PERSON (THESE PERSONS) WASHED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM. EMBRACE US ALL AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE ONE HOUSEHOLD OF YOUR LOVE. GRANT US GRACE TO RECEIVE, VALUE, LOVE, SUPPORT, NURTURE AND BEFRIEND THESE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Bless these parents and these sponsors.
Grant them the patience and love to guide this child (these children) in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church.

Once you were a stranger and a sojourner.
NOW YOU ARE EQUALLY A CITIZEN WITH US IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.
Go in the peace of Christ.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

LITANY FOR SHELTER

LEADER: Over 1.5 billion people in the world have no decent place to live.

PEOPLE: That many?

LEADER: Yes, and many such people are in our own country.

PEOPLE: What do you mean, "no decent place to live?"

LEADER: A roof that leaks. Crumbling walls. Often a dirt floor. In cold climates, no insulation. Broken window panes. No water. No toilet facilities. No kitchen. A ripped piece of plastic for a door covering. Crowded. High rent.

PEOPLE: Why should we be concerned about these poor people?

LEADER: Because they are our fellow human beings. Millions are brother and sister Christians. Jesus tells us to love one another and that love should be expressed in tangible, practical ways. He teaches that when a stranger is in need of shelter and we invite that person in, it is just as if we had provided shelter for Jesus himself.

PEOPLE: But shouldn't the government and private business take care of these needs?

LEADER: Government and other secular agencies should do more to help, but the people of God are called to be a mighty force for good in this matter. Indeed, we should be a conscience for the world concerning shelter by our positive actions. Does not Isaiah remind us that the kind of fasting which is pleasing to God is to share food with the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide the poor with shelter?

PEOPLE: Yes, yes, yes. We know, Lord. Give us the strength and determination to do our part to provide good shelter for all who don't have it. Give us the will to put Christ's love into action and make it real in the lives of the poor in our community, in our country and around the world.

LEADER: May all that we do in response to this great human need be pleasing in God's sight and helpful in advancing the cause of Christ on earth.

ALL: Lord, you have given us a place to live. You have loved us. Help us to be your hands and hearts to love others. Open our eyes to see the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters. Give us concern enough to help and comfort them so that your love may be seen and experienced in this world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR HUMAN HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity is an international, ecumenical Christian ministry that is dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing from the earth. We call upon people of goodwill, especially people of faith, and all churches, to observe the third Sunday of September as an International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat.

We all know about the problem. Millions of people, all made in the image of God, live in wretched conditions. They simply do not have a decent place in which to live. This is not right. **This is bad news.**

The **good news** is that we can do something about it. With God, all things are possible, even the elimination of poverty housing. **But,** your help is needed. God works through people. Will you help? Will you pray? Will you act?

Those of us fortunate enough to have a decent house cannot sit back in our affluence and comfort **doing so little** while so many of our neighbors, both near and far, are suffering in miserable shacks.

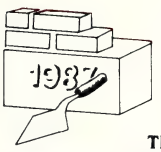
Let us pray and act together to **do more** about this worldwide problem, and let us do it all to the glory of God.

Millard Fuller
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decency	happiness
understanding	generosity
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renewal	reconciliation
reform	tolerance
rebirth	courage
peace	trust.

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Rev. Richard Edens
Southern Conference Media Task Force

Media Advertising includes the use of television, radio, newspapers, and direct mail. When done effectively, advertising is a tool for evangelism. It helps us reach people, inviting them to our churches or spurring them to examine their spiritual lives.

Throughout Southern Conference, people have expressed a need to understand who they are as members of the United Church of Christ and what they represent. They also want to project a positive image to the community at large. Quality advertising could nurture our sense of identity and help counter occasional controversial publicity by representing a more accurate, upbeat picture to the public eye.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 20 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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rayer of Dedication

ymn of the Month 32 "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun" (stanzas 1,2,3,4)

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-8, Psalm 127

ermon "The Language of Houses" — Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

enediction

horal Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart" — Alice Jordan

ostlude "I will praise Thee, O Lord, my strength" — Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 1987
Philippians 1:27

Conflict was a luxury the churches of Paul's time could not afford. He exhorted them to stand firm in one spirit because they were surrounded by those who would exploit any sign of disunity as an occasion to undermine the Christian faith. Today we do not feel threatened in the same ways. But is our situation really so different? We still know the high cost of church dissension. Unity in striving side by side for the faith of the gospel is still essential.

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
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AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY SUNDAY

To help us focus today upon the mission of the United Church of Christ with American Indian people, we can refer to the Pronouncement and Proposal for Action adopted by the Sixteenth General Synod, meeting last June in Cleveland.

Against a background of several deteriorating UCC Indian congregations and a lack of ordained pastoral leadership on one side, but a growing church at Parshall, North Dakota, and a revitalized Council of American Indian Ministry on the other, the General Synod reaffirmed the United Church of Christ's commitment to our continuing mission with Indian people.

Furthermore, it called upon instrumentalities and conferences to reaffirm their support for Indian congregations. It urged all parts of the church to press the U.S. government to maintain its historic obligations to Indian people in the face of new threats to the treaties, hunting and fishing agreements, and health programs under which they live.

In helping local Indian churches to grow in the future, special emphasis will be placed upon programs for children and youth, identification and recruitment of Indian people to study for the ordained ministry, and empowering of congregations to be in effective ministry for economic development, alcohol abuse prevention, and maintenance of Indian traditions in their communities.

We support these programs with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, especially through the Neighbors in Need offering.


TO WORK
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September 27, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Partita: "O God, Thou Faithful God" J. S. B

Choral Call to Worship "God Himself is With Us"
Joachim Near

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the living God.

P. This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation!

L. This is our sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ!

P. We give thanks that once more, God has brought us together, that we might refresh one another.

All: Peace to all who enter here, peace this day and every day, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, who calls us into being, we admit that we scheme a devise our own worlds of concrete and steel and manicure lawns, of stocks and property, of social roles and names and titles, without considering what we are doing to our selves, to one another, and to creation. The imaginatio of our wills do not join yours but go their own way.

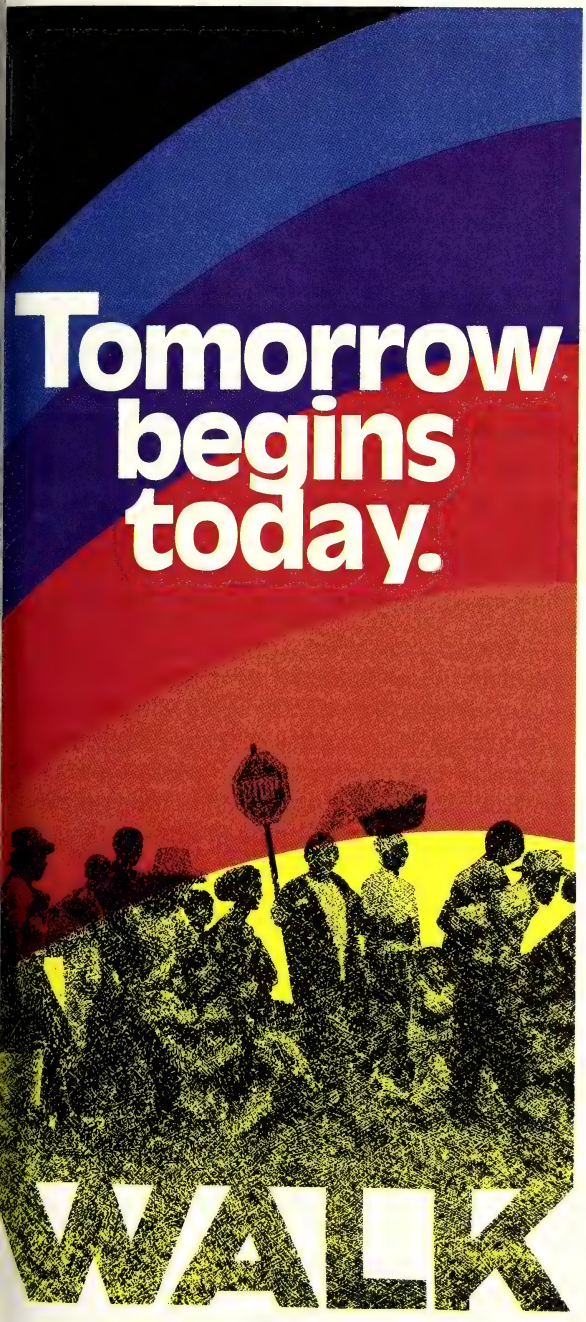
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Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

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		7:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
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		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:30 p.m.	Allied Churches of Alamance County Front Street Methodist
Tues.,	Sept. 29	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Sept. 30	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir



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Walking.

All over the world people walk — for pleasure, for fitness and for improved well-being. We walk to get from place to place.

And millions walk to survive.

Women and children in tiny villages walk long distances to fetch water for cooking, drinking, and washing. Farmers and laborers trek to field and job site. Those who heal and those who teach walk to those they serve.

We walk, because they walk.

A CROP Walk for the Hungry is a walk with your neighbors — around the block and around the world. It's an opportunity to share one another's burdens.

It's a chance to make a difference!

Whether you take part as a walker or a sponsor, the kilometers or miles logged in your community's CROP Walk will bring hope for a brighter tomorrow by providing the promise and means for improved crops, bette health, development programs, training and education, and assistance in time of disaster.

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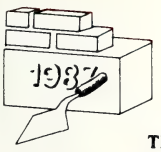
It's a commitment to go the distance.

It's a commitment to work with our neighbors wherever they live, to solve difficult problems for tomorrow as well as today.

Join the CROP Walk for the Hungry tomorrow begins today!

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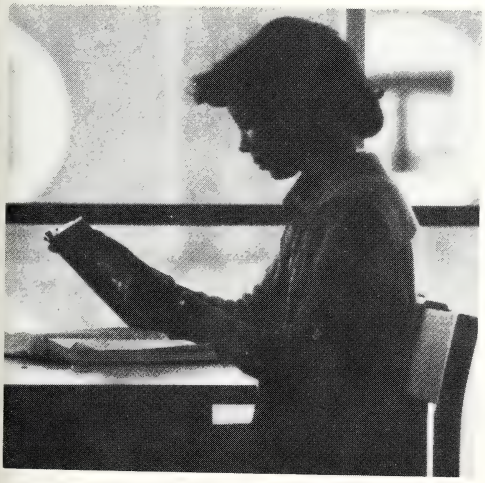
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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS.....$100,000

The average cost of a seminary education with room and board today is $9,000. Consequently, persons who feel called by God to enter the ordained ministry often commit themselves to three or four years of great personal sacrifice. With adequate funds, the Southern Conference could help ease this burden and insure quality education for those who have answered God's call.

The Conference already has an endowed scholarship fund for seminarians, and it is administered by the Scholarship Committee of the Church Life and Leadership Commission. This fund currently totals $39,000, giving us an annual interest of $3,000 to $3,200. Because the Conference receives an average of 16-20 applications for scholarship aid each year, we can award only $150.00 to some students. The current income is thus woefully insufficient to provide adequate assistance to our many qualified students.

One goal of the Cornerstone Campaign is to add $100,000 to the endowed Scholarship Fund for Seminarians. Such an addition would increase annual interest and enable us to provide more significant assistance to our seminary students. You may help us by either adding directly to the endowment or specifying your contribution for current scholarship support.



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NIN Spells Partnership

"But where do our gifts go?"

Often the answer is: Right back to local churches and communities!

In 1985, part of our gifts to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering supported a program of educational outreach and mission to minority youth in low income neighborhoods. In implementing this project, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries invited local churches to submit proposals for model neighborhood programs that would help disadvantaged youth develop the skills and gain the guidance they need to stay in school.

Altogether, the offering provided the resources to support a dozen such programs. But the Homeland Board received almost ninety proposals!

Obviously, local churches want to help educationally disadvantaged poor and minority youth in their communities. And, with initial impetus from Neighbors in Need, some of the programs have proven so successful that other local groups are adding their support. A local Kiwanis Club, for example, has pledged up to fifty thousand dollars to assist graduates from one community program to go on to college! Like seeds, our gifts to Neighbors in Need are multiplied many times.

But what about the seventy-five worthy congregations that were refused funding? "We believe that this model must be demonstrated in other communities," declares Rev. Theodore Erickson, General Secretary of the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

This year, part of our gifts to Neighbors in Need will be used to continue this vital program. With our support, more churches, public schools, and community groups can help students at risk of dropping out to develop the skills and self-esteem needed to complete their education. By working with the schools, jointly honoring academic achievement and sponsoring scholarships for worthy students, churches can show their shared concern for youth in the future of our society.

Yes, NIN does spell partnership!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED
ALL-CHURCH OFFERING

God, who calls us into your future, we admit that we lack lively and life-giving imagination. We are content with urselves, our culture, our politics, our social structures nd choose not to break into the freedom of your new reation. Not imagining what we ourselves, our neighbors, nd the creation will need tomorrow, we stand inactive and elpless before the future.

Capture the imaginations of our hearts, the work of our ands, and the direction of our feet, turning them from vil toward the good of your great rule among us. We ask his for Christ's sake. Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

esponsive Reading 108 Psalm 148 p. 538

nthem "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

Time for Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ermon "Being a Christian: State, or Process?" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

enediction

noral Response "Day By Day" Harold W. Friedell

ostlude Partita Finale: "O God, Thou Faithful God" J. S. Bach

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27,1987

Philippians 2:13

God is at work in you. While you cannot leave it all to God, but must "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," still you can trust in this: God is at work in you. The ways you choose to live and work, to spend and give, to pray and act—these are the ways of working out your own salvation. Yet these are also the ways God is at work in you. Here is one of the ironies of Christian faith: the more your own work is in line with God's, the less you must depend on yourself for your salvation.

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JAPANESE MISSIONS TODAY

In what overseas country does the United Church of Christ support its largest contingent of missionaries?

The answer may surprise those who identify Our Church's Wider Mission with impoverished peoples. For Japan is anything but a poverty-stricken land!

There are good and sufficient reasons why United Church Board for World Ministries personnel continue to serve faithfully in a nation where the average per capita income is higher than in the United States.

First, our work in Japan maintains a tradition, extending back more than a century, of excellence in education. Doshisha University and Kobe College are only two of the institutions of higher education founded by our missionary forebears.

Second, our partners in the Kyodan—the United Church of Christ in Japan—want missionaries. In order to enrich the homogeneity of their land, they welcome not only Americans but also Christians from Korea, Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China.

Third, much of the mission pays for itself. The Christian schools and colleges to which our missionaries are related contribute more than one-half of their salaries. This program of "shared support" amounts to a significant part of the mission budget for Japan.

One hundred years ago, when Japan was struggling to enter the modern age, our gifts helped support creative ministries in education. Today's Japan still needs that witness.


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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Robert Hebb

Introit Trisagion: Holy Lord" John Rutt

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

*Hymn 11 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L. Sisters and brothers, in the words of the psalmist, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

ALL: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfas love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniqui and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the jo of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayers

UNITED IN GOD'S MISSION
A LITANY

October 4, 1987
World Communion Sunday



On the Occasion of the Annual Meetings
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries
United Church Board for World Ministries
Pasadena, California, October 1-4, 1987

We invite you to join in this litany written on the occasion of this World Communion Sunday.

During this past week, October 1-4, 1987, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the United Church Board for World Ministries both held their annual meetings in Pasadena, California. The historic gathering also has allowed participants to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Southern California Conference. Members of area churches joined in a Mission Event held on Saturday.

With the meetings' theme "United in God's Mission" in mind, persons from churches of Southern California who have prepared the occasions for worship at the Pasadena gathering have prepared this litany for sharing in worship on Sunday, October 4. Many of the UCBHM and UCBWM corporate members, missionaries, and staff are being welcomed to spend today with the churches of the Southern California Conference.

We pray that as you join in this litany, you will sense your and your church's call to God's mission which unites many throughout the world on this World Communion Sunday.

Leader: As we come together on this day of communion around the world and celebrate the united mission of the Boards for World and Homeland Ministries in the United Church of Christ, we praise you, O God, for naming all people as your family throughout the whole of this earth.

People: O God, you are creator. Thank you for making us a part of the family of your creation.

Leader: We praise you, O God, for your gift of grace in empowering us through your Holy Spirit.

People: O God, you are grace and spirit. Thank you for enabling us to be part of your mission.

Leader: We praise you, O God, for the gift of love and resurrection through Jesus Christ.

People: O God, you are love and resurrection. Thank you for the gift of being born anew in Christ.

Leader: And yet, O God, we confess our complicity in the evil deeds of humankind, the destruction of nature, the corruption of body, mind, and spirit.

People: Our God, through Jesus Christ, empower us to seek the light of forgiveness. Open our souls to your grace and cleansing power within.

Leader: We confess our hardness of heart and selfish blindness to the injustices around us and throughout the world, our over consumption of the earth's resources, our refusal to confront evil.

People: Our God, through Jesus Christ, enable us to see and do your will. Teach us to better share so that all may eat, be housed, and enjoy an abundant life.

Leader: We heed your call, O God, to care for the earth and all that dwell on it.

People: Our God, guided by your spirit, we seek to become your faithful stewards and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, our neighbors in need—the homeless poor, the children of poverty, the victims of racism and discrimination.

Leader: We heed your call, O God, to listen to our brothers and sisters as they struggle to claim the full life that you promise to all.

People: Our God, guided by your spirit, we seek to work for the reconciliation of all people, speaking out boldly against oppression, yet with compassion, as Christ so clearly demonstrated, with our neighbors here and abroad—in Africa, in Central America, in Europe, in Asia and the Pacific Islands, in the Middle East, in South and North America.

Leader: So—come, O people, come!

People: Let us celebrate the supper of the Lord.

Leader: Come, O people, come! Come to the Feast of Life!

People: Let us together bring all our loaves of bread and prepare the jars of wine.

Leader: Come, O people, come to the table of the Lord.

People: Let us together come, as we are all the invited guests.

Leader: Come, O people, come for this celebration with our Lord.

People: **Because today we are celebrating our commitment to Christ Jesus and renewing our commitment to God's mission. We heed your call, O God, to proclaim Christ's gospel to all the world.**

All: **Come, let us participate in the feast of life with our Lord.**

This litany was written by the worship committee for the annual meetings of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the United Church Board for World Ministries. The last nine responsive lines are adapted from "The Feast of Life," pp. 69-70, in Jesus Christ—the Life of the World, *a worship book for the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches.*

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stor: God be with you.

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stor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

ople: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

stor: We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things.....Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

l: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

stor: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

l: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pastor: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ.

May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

All: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior:

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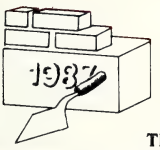
PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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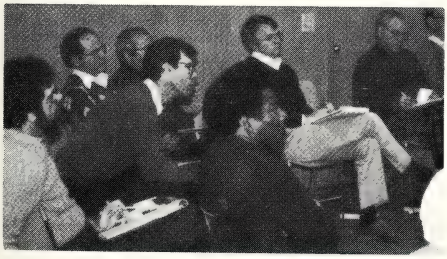
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Seminary-trained clergy also have an ongoing need for developing their knowledge and skills for ministry. With adequate funds, Continuing Education events led by outstanding leaders and teachers would be possible on a regular basis. An endowment for Continuing Education would also provide funds to help finance individual educational plans on a grant/application basis.

Southern Conference churches will directly benefit from clergy who continue to study and sharpen their skills for service. Cornerstone hopes to build an endowment of $35,000 for Continuing Education.

At right, participants gather for the Continuing Education program at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Below, Southern Conference Clergy further their education at the annual Clergy Retreat.





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		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4 - Library
Wed.,	Oct. 7 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Oct. 8 -	7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee

Assurance of Pardon

L. Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri p. 513

Anthem "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" Paul Manz

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Toccata for the Elevation of the Elements of Communion" Girolamo Frescobaldi

*Doxology Hymn 57 (vs. 4)

*Prayer of Dedication

(Children leave for children's church downstairs at this time.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:11

Responsive Reading No. 75 Psalm 36 p. 520

New Testament Lesson Matthew 20:1-16

Meditation "Love Isn't Fair" Rev. Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 286 "Come Risen Lord"

*Litany

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper insert

*Hymn 61 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "As You Have Promised, Lord" Ron Nelson

Postlude "Christ lag in Todesbanden" J. S. Bach

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 1987

Philippians 3:12

Christ Jesus makes us his own. How easy it is to turn that claim into an exclusive membership club! Yet when Jesus claims us, he also sends us—into all the world. The gospel is intended for all creation, not just for us. So as the Church, we take on global proportions to fulfill our global task. This is no membership club. This is the Body of Christ, claimed at baptism, renewed at communion, engaged in mission for the sake of the world and in the name of the Savior.

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

No one ever claimed that our gifts to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering could lift six million Americans out of poverty! But such a boast would not be entirely out of order.

A 1984 NIN project, Tax Justice for the Poor, called upon the United Church of Christ to lead in proposing changes in tax structures in behalf of the poor.

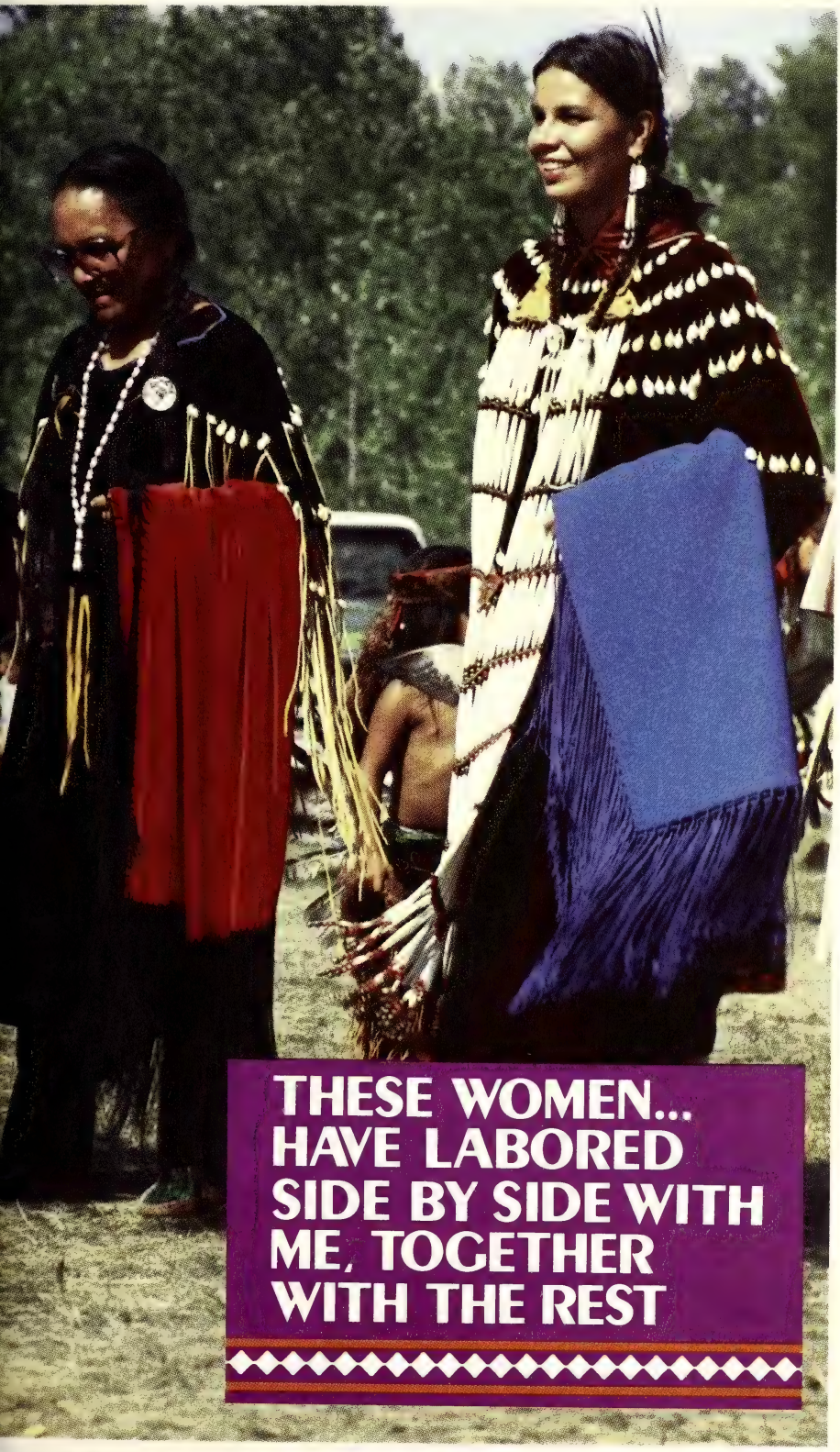
Specifically, part of our gifts enabled the Office for Church in Society to conduct regional consultations to educate UCC members on tax issues; fund projects to assess the need for tax reform in low-income communities; support two national coalitions working for tax equity in strategic congressional districts; and organize a national consultation in Washington, D.C. to plan strategies for tax reform.

Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, six million poor Americans who previously paid income taxes will owe nothing because of increases in the standard deduction and personal exemptions. One newspaper called the legislation "easily the biggest anti-poverty bill of the last six years."

No one would ever claim that a Neighbors in Need project alone was responsible for tax reform in America. But if our gifts had even the slightest effect on the outcome, then they were multiplied many, many times by the savings to our poorest neighbors.

Neighbors in Need supports programs of relief and advocacy for Americans at risk.

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THESE WOMEN...
HAVE LABORED
SIDE BY SIDE WITH
ME, TOGETHER
WITH THE REST

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Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today
Dr. James Moncure, Liturgist today
Dr. Martin Shotzberger, Guest Speaker today

October 11, 1987 Laity Sunday 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Two Sacred Interludes" Hermann Schroe

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

L. As a deer longs for streams of cool water,
P. We long to encounter you, O God.
L. In times of joy,
P. We seek you in celebration.
L. In times of trial,
P. We struggle to feel your presence.
L. In times of grief,
P. We call to you in our sorrow.
L. O God, your creative power and Spirit touch us in all of life. We desire to remain open to your healing love, hoping we might be surprised by the wonders of your grace. Be with us that we might allow you to work in and through us. In Christ we pray.
ALL: Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 385 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, who meets us in the midst of life, we pray for the sensitivity to be aware of your presence and the

THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

S IS THE FIFTH WEEK OF OUR SPECIAL SIX-WEEK
PHASIS ON THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN. AFTER
ENTY-ONE YEARS OF GENEROUS GIVING TO SEPARATE
MPAIGNS CONDUCTED BY OUR COLLEGES AND OTHER
FILIATED INSTITUTIONS, THERE IS A STRONG NEED TO
SE MONEY FOR THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ITSELF.
EFUL STUDIES HAVE DETERMINED THAT WE MUST
ENGTHEN OUR SERVICES TO THE CHURCHES AND CLERGY
THIS CONFERENCE. WITH CHRIST AS OUR CORNERSTONE
EACH OF US AS BUILDERS, WE CAN LAY A SOLID
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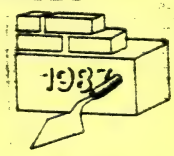
CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN HAS AS ITS THREE YEAR GOAL
5,000 FOR CHURCH RENEWAL, NEW CHURCH STARTS AND
ISTERIAL EDUCATION.

CHURCH COUNCIL HAS COUNTED ON OUR SUPPORT OF
CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN AND HAS SET A GOAL OF
000 AS A REASONABLE SHARE OF THE TOTAL GOAL,
EACH OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS, STARTING IN
UARY,1988.

EACH OF OUR CHURCH FAMILIES WERE TO PLEDGE
00 PER WEEK, WE COULD READILY MEET OUR
MITMENT TO THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE. WHILE
E MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PLEDGE A DOLLAR A WEEK,
ERS MAY BE ABLE TO PLEDGE MORE.

T CAN YOU PLEDGE AS YOUR SHARE IN THE "BUILDING
THE FUTURE" OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST?

CORNERSTONE IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

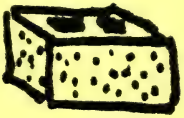


PLEDGE A "BUCK" A WEEK 

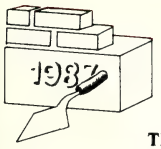
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TO BUILD A CHURCH.





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THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

"Building for the Future"



THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
P.O. Box 2410, Burlington, North Carolina 27216; 919-584-0027

OCTOBER 11, 1987

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND $40,000

Whether or not we like to admit it, clergy sometimes experience emotional or financial crisis.



In 1986, the Conference began a cost-sharing pastoral counseling and referral program for ministers and their families. This program is conducted through the Department of Pastoral Care at N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where participants are referred to various counseling centers throughout N. C. and Virginia.

Eligible for the counseling program are every minister in good standing and his/her spouse and dependents. Each participant must pay a portion of the cost; the Conference pays the balance up to the limit of $500 per year per family. In our first year, we served 30 pastors and family members. Your gift to the Cornerstone Campaign will help establish a permanent fund, thus insuring the continuation of this important service for clergy.

On those rarer occasions when a minister experiences true financial crisis, the Conference is sometimes called upon to provide emergency aid. The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ can provide financial relief, but they cannot respond immediately and will give assistance only once for each pastor. True emergency situations sometimes require faster action or occur more than once. The Conference Minister and his associates are careful to determine genuine need. Special funds could enable them to assist pastors in financial crisis quickly before the crisis accelerates to greater proportions.

The Cornerstone Campaign hopes to build an endowment of $40,000 for Clergy Assistance.

So then you are . . . members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:19/20)

THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

September 6 through October 11 is our special six-week emphasis on the Cornerstone Campaign. After twenty-one years of generous giving to separate campaigns conducted by our colleges and other affiliated institutions, we feel a strong need to raise money for the Southern Conference itself. Careful studies have determined we must strengthen our services to the churches and clergy of this conference. With Christ as our Cornerstone and each of us as the builders, we can lay a solid foundation for our future.

The Cornerstone Campaign has as its goal $385,000 for endowment funds and current use. This sum will enable the Southern Conference to embark on a vigorous mission program of Mission and Evangelism, Ministerial Education and Assistance. It will also enable us to sustain those efforts into the future.

You may make a special gift directly to the Southern Conference or give through your church. Each congregation will be asked to accept a three-year goal. Funds that are received without designation will be divided proportionally among all the areas of mission and used for endowment.

I. MISSION AND EVANGELISM

A. Church Renewal ..... $ 50,000
B. New Church Starts $100,000
C. Media Advertising ..... $ 25,000

II. MINISTERIAL OUTREACH

A. Scholarships For Seminary Students $100,000
B. Continuing Education ..... $ 35,000
C. Clergy Assistance Fund ..... $ 40,000

Cost of the Campaign ..... $ 35,000
Total Campaign Needs $385,000

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Mr. Richard Hunter by Marjorie Hunter and Dorothy Hunter Walker.

Copies of the Southern Conference News are available in the narthex.

Articles for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 11 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Oct. 12 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:00 p.m.	Training Session on Visitation - Dr. Rollin Russell
Tues.,	Oct. 13 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Clergy Memorial Lecture
Wed.,	Oct. 14 -		Eastern N.C. Association Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Oct. 15 -	7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
Sat.,	Oct. 17 -	9:30 a.m.	Southern Conference Spiritual Renewal and Church Growth Seminar.

courage to respond to your call to us. Help us to hear the cries of others and to recognize your will that we act on the side of compassion and justice. Strengthen us today as we meet in this community of faith so that we may more fully be your disciples. Amen.

Time for Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Praise" Alec Rowley

A Time With Children Rev. Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Intermezzo" Hermann Schroeder

Congregational Response Doxology (515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:20-27
Luke 9:44-48

Sermon "The Minister and the Congregation"
Dr. Martin Shotzberger

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

Benediction

Postlude "Vivace" Hermann Schroeder

*The congregation may stand at these points.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 1987
Philippians 4:3

Through all the centuries men and women have labored side by side in the Gospel. Take a look at your church this morning. Where are men and women laboring side by side? Is the partnership Paul describes in the early church alive for your congregation? We share the same baptism, the same gifts, the same conviction about the gospel. And so we share the same labor, preaching and teaching, healing and leading. We are all called as partners in Christ's service, women and men together.

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

MIDDLE EAST MISCONCEPTIONS

The continuing strife in the Middle East has focused intense public attention upon a part of the world rich in misconceptions. If we are to provide effective support for the vital ministries of the United Church of Christ and its partners in this region, we must correct some pervasive misconceptions.

"Arabs hate Christians." Arabs are, quite simply, people whose native language is Arabic. Although the Koran, the holy writ of Islam, is written in Arabic, not all Arabs are Muslims. Some Arabs are Christians and trace their religious heritage back to the time of the early church.

"Muslims hate Christians." If not all Arabs are Muslims, not all Muslims are Arabs, either. Turks speak Turkish, not Arabic. Do Turkish Muslims hate Christians? Just ask any of our missionaries there.

"In Lebanon, terrorists have taken American and European hostages." That statement ignores the thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians who have been kidnapped, held prisoner, and even executed by the same groups that hold "our" hostages. As Gabriel Habib, general secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches, says: "We Lebanese are all hostages."

"Missionaries who choose to stay in dangerous situations are irresponsible." Like ill-prepared mountain climbers, it is said, their folly places rescue teams in danger. But theirs is the folly of the Gospel; they have a higher responsibility. Those commissioned into ministry are answerable not to us but to God.

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Katie Brown and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

October 18, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Choral Call to Worship "Great Art Thou" Alice Jor

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Let this hour be more than a passing nod in the direction of God, a tip of the hat to the Lord Jesus Christ, a casual curtsy in honor of the Holy Spirit.

P. No, let this hour be a wholehearted search for the Eternal One who has named us and given us life.

L. Let our hymns be passionate cries to God, our prayers wrenched from the depths of our real selves,

P. our offerings costly with serious sacrifice, our souls aflame with longing for righteousness.

All: For the Lord seeks those who will worship in spirit and in truth.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of all and of each, grant us your peace--for we hav made peace with that which does not give peace, and we are afraid. Drive us deep, now, to face ourselves, so we may see that what is truly to be feared is our capacity to deceive and willingness to be deceived; our loving of things and using of people; our struggle for power and shrinking of soul; our addiction to comfort and sedation

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Katherine Anne Powell and James Bobbitt Powell, Jr., by their aunt, Miss Caroline Powell.

There will be a called meeting of the BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION immediately after the service this morning.

You won't want to miss our ALL-CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY on Friday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Come in costume and bring your jack-o-lantern to help give our Parish House that special spooky feeling. There'll be plenty of food, games and prizes including another cake walk. If you can bring a cake for the cake walk, please sign up downstairs on the children's church or Seekers' Class door.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 18	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Dinner Cornerstone Campaign
			7:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting
Mon.,	Oct. 19	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
			7:00 p.m.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tues.,	Oct. 20	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
			7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Oct. 21	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
			7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Oct. 22	-	6:30 p.m.	Burlington Area Men's Fellowship - Brick UCC
			7:00 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL
Sat.,	Oct. 24	-	6:30 p.m.	Youth - Hayride

The Family of the
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Needs Our Help

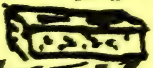
The Southern Conference of the UCC needs seed money to aid in the creation of new churches, the education of new ministers and to assist existing clergy.

OTHERS HELPED US WHEN WE WERE IN NEED – NOW LET'S HELP OTHERS, THROUGH OUR PLEDGE TO THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN.

YOUR PLEDGE OF $1.00

A "BUCK" A WEEK

To Buy



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TONIGHT- Oct. 18
6 00 pm
PARISH HOUSE

An evening of good
fellowship topped off
with an inspiring speaker-
our own

JOHN TRUITT

JOHN WAS A CHAPLAIN
in the US AIR CORPS
with a world of experienc

JOHN is a dynamic
Speaker- you're sure
to enjoy his talk.

of conscience; our readiness to criticize and reluctance to create; our clamor for privilege and silence at injustice; our seeking for security and forsaking your Kingdom. Lord, grant us your peace. Instill in us such fear of you as will begin to make us wise, and such quiet courage as will enable us to begin to make hope visible, forgiving delightful, loving contagious, faith liberating, peacemaking joyful--and ourselves open and present to each other and your kingdom; in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 77 Psalm 40 p. 522

Anthem "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Randolph Currie

Prayer

Time with Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon "Too Much Stuff!" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Benediction

Choral Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"
Alice Jordan

Postlude

The God whom we worship is known to us as Creator of the universe, the One who has called the worlds into being and made humanity in God's own likeness. What might it mean for peace and for justice if we were to say to our Creator God, "Your people shall be my people"? It might change our way of viewing the world, of interacting with others, our sense of life work. It might change our loyalty and our identity. Perhaps this is a part of what it means to be God's people in the world today.

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

The dream of world order has taken many forms in history. Two major expressions of this dream today are the United Nations and the World Council of Churches.

Founded immediately after the defeat of the two world orders imposed by Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, these two institutions make no claims to sovereignty. The United Nations is no more a "super nation-state" than the World Council of Churches is a "super church."

Policies of both organizations are determined not from above, but by delegates chosen from the members, meeting in assembly. Membership does not require adherence to a specified system of authority or organization. Furthermore, there is no fixed membership fee; members contribute what they feel they can.

In their early years, both the UN and the WCC were very much European and North American institutions. Since then, however, both have become steadily more international. Today, the United Nations has over one hundred and fifty member nations, ranging from Albania to Zambia. The World Council of Churches has more than 300 member churches—representing four hundred million Christians—in over 100 countries.

We give thanks that the movement toward world order in our time emphasizes voluntarism, equal representation, and inclusiveness.


Why have I found
favor in your eyes...
when I am
a foreigner?

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Rob Woody and Scott Dollar, Acolytes today

October 25, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Chorale Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Dietrich Buxteh

Choral Call to Worship "O Brightness of the Immortal
Father's Face" Gerald N

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that never seem to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that never seem to flower. O God of love and grace, help us to accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we will give you th glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

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THIRD QUARTER financial statements are available in the narthex.

Tuesday, October 27th 7:00 p.m. CUB PACK 51 will have their Annual Father and Son Cake Auction. This is our one fund raiser for the year. Everyone is welcome to come see the cakes and bid.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 25	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:00 p.m.	Student Fellowship Dinner
Mon., Oct. 26	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues., Oct. 27	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Oct. 28	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Oct. 30	-	7:00 p.m.	All-Church HALLOWEEN PARTY

PLEASE PLEDGE

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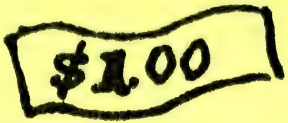
JOIN YOUR FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS - THOSE WHO ATTENDED SUPPER LAST SUNDAY PLEDGED GENEROUSLY - WE ARE HALFWAY TO OUR 1988 GOAL OF $5,000

Your pledge of $1.00/ week (or more) will assure that our church does its share to support the growth of the

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YOUR PLEDGE OF

A "BUCK" A WEEK



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PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR PLEDGE

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

L. Almighty God, who is great in mercy, and promises forgiveness of sin to all who truly repent and are sincere in faith, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all sin, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life.

P. Amen! Thanks be to God!

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 79 Psalm 46 p. 523

Anthem "We Love the Lord" David Pulkingham

(This song of fellowship was composed when David Pulkingham was four years of age.)

Prayer

Time with Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "O Jesus, Be Our Friend and Guide" Johann Wolfgang Franck

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:41-48

Sermon "The Odd Arithmetic of Jesus" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 404 "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Benediction

Choral Response "Worthy Art Thou" Gerald Near

Postlude Fantasia on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember that we are Protestants because of some who dared to think differently, who lived as foreigners even in their own familiar land. They suffered persecution by those who could not tolerate their new perceptions. The continuing Reformation of the church requires that we open ourselves to new thoughts, and to the people who bring them. Those we think are foreign to us may be neighbors bringing new life, neighbors we are charged to love.

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

When High Street Congregational Church (UCC) in Auburn, Maine, signed up for the Jewish-Christian dialogue program sponsored by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, they never dreamed they would end up worshiping for two years in a synagogue. All they had in mind was mutually-enriching conversation with members of Shalom Temple.

Their unexpected experience in inter-faith cooperation at the grass roots sprouted from tragedy. Fire destroyed High Street Congregational Church's historic sanctuary in 1985. Even before the embers had cooled, the telephone rang with an offer. Shalom Temple invited High Street Congregational Church to worship in their synagogue.

To be sure, the space was free on Sunday mornings. But there were questions among members of both groups—about installing a cross and about communion, for instance—which ultimately advanced the dialogue to new insights.

Meanwhile, High Street Congregational Church undertook to rebuild its worship space. The congregation's first priority was to make the new sanctuary accessible to people with handicaps. From that decision flowed other architectural matters. By this Christmas, High Street Congregational Church hopes to move into its new building.

From a new openness to religious diversity in their community, members of the church had moved to a tangible demonstration of their commitment to persons with handicapping conditions. We give thanks for this example of local mission.


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Ryan Harris and Travis Loy, Acolytes today

November 1, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Elegy" Arthur W

Choral Call to Worship "Create in Me" Alice Jo

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The saints are living and dead, famous and unknown, female and male, of all races, languages, and ages.

P. They are saints because they have accepted and hav cooperated with the grace that Christ freely offer to all his people.

L. The saints have made Christ known because they have known him and loved him.

All: Now, in this time of holy silence, I recall and praise God for these saints who are dear to me because they have reflected the light of Christ onto my path:.....

PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

As those called to watch, O God, we have failed to wat eagerly for grandeur in lives about us; we have sought peace and quiet by denying that we could be anyone out o

the ordinary; and we have turned modesty into a weapon against the road less traveled by.

We have by turns idolized the saints and disparaged them, keeping them safely distant in either case. We have filled our imaginings with people of glamour and of passing note, people of shallow spirit; and we have failed to moor our memories in deeds and persons who last and hold. We have not sought the fairest faces nor rightly honored the dead, that their deeds may fittingly lodge in us. Forgive us, God, and turn us toward Thee through those who were and are Thine alone; in Jesus's name. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 124 Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 p. 544

Anthem "The Apple Tree" Scottish folk song
arr. K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excell;
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

Prayer

A Time with Children — Beth Lyor

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory — "At the River" — Aaron Coplanc
Soloist - Ray Walden

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Introduction to the Hymn of the Month

*Hymn 381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:1-3

Sermon "Called To Be Saints--Together" — Dr. Irvin

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 306 "For All the Saints"

Recognition of Trail Bosses for the Pony Express

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" — Alice Jorda

*Postlude "Glorificamus" — Gordon Youn

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THIRD QUARTER financial statements are available in the narthex.

Nursery Today: Mona Atkinson
Nursery next Sunday: Shirley Beyer

Children's Church Today: Sheree Smith
Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov. 1 -	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Pony Express Trail Bosses
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		6:00 p.m.	Senior High Supper and Movie Night
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed
Mon.,	Nov. 2 -	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Tues.,	Nov. 3 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
Wed.,	Nov. 4 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Training Session for Church Visitors
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Nov. 5 -	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity

We live in a culture and an age that value the young, the new and the shiny. We cultivate obsolescence and throw away what is old. We hide and ignore old people in the hope they will go away. Yet the quest for the proverbial fountain of youth is missing from the pages of the Bible. Instead in Ruth we read of "nourishing" old age. What a revolutionary thought! How might old age be nourished and life be restored through your personal ministry or that of your church?

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

The autonomous congregation is the basic unit of the life and work of the United Church of Christ. Not only a worshiping community, the local church is also the place where mission begins. But mission doesn't end there.

Think what the United Church of Christ would look like without Christian education materials and the Video Van; without overseas missionaries and refugee programs here at home; without *United Church News;* without One Great Hour of Sharing and Sunday Bulletins; without pension and medical coverage for church employees; without a presence in our nation's capital; without conference campsites; without a corporate voice for liberation from racism and sexism; without a mutual ministry with American Indians; without tested new worship resources; without a placement service for pastors seeking pulpits, and congregations seeking pastors; without conference resource centers; without new church starts; without General Synod.

In short, think what the United Church of Christ would be like without metropolitan, conference, national, and world mission.

The autonomous congregation is the basic unit of the United Church of Christ in an additional sense. Only through the local church's gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission can all these other examples of mission be carried forth.

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Shannon Albertson, Acolyte today

November 8, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Prèambule and Méditation" Louis Vie

Choral Call to Worship "Good Is the Lord" John W. Neely,

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship Beth Lyon, Liturg
L. It is good to give thanks to you, O God,
P. To declare your steadfast love in the morning;
L. For you have made us glad by your work;
P. At the works of your hands, we sing for joy.

PRAISE OF GOD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you cal
us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we se
the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our success
leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our
prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing.
Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivi
to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spiri
that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

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Copies of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS are available in the narthex.

FUN CLUB will meet in the Parish House on Tuesday morning at 10:30. Dr. George Johnson from Chapel Hill will be our guest speaker, telling about his recent trip to China. Bring a sandwich. Soup and dessert will be served. Come and enjoy a morning of happy fellowship.

Nursery Today: Shirley Beyer
Nursery next Sunday: Betty Blanchard

Children's Church Today: Lou Harper
Children's Church next Sunday: Pam or Rick Kiser

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 8 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Youth - Banner Making
	3:00 p.m.	Christian Education Seminars
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Student Fellowship Dinner
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon., Nov. 9 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues., Nov. 10 -	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Nov. 11 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Chour



Mary Sue Brittle Class, Bethlehem Christian Church

Church members often ask me, "How can we help today's children and youth - yours and ours?" Listed here are some of the ways you can share with us and we can share with you.

Elon Homes continues to need the prayers and support of your church. "When You Give to Help a Child, You Give for Always!"

Walstein W. Snyder
Chief Executive Officer

Financial Support

Oak Grove Christian Church
Sunbury, North Carolina

Langdale Congregational Church
Valley, Alabama

Elon Homes for Children - A Shared Mission

Sponsor Program

Ladies Bible Class
Holland Christian Church
Suffolk, Virginia

Clothing Donations

Women's Fellowship
Tryon Congregational UCC
Tryon, North Carolina

Campus Work Week

Ellington Congregational UCC
Ellington, Connecticut

Campbell Soup Labels

First Congregational Church
East Hartford, Connecticut

Annual Christmas Party

Mary Sue Brittle Class
Bethlehem Christian Church
Suffolk, Virginia

Family Enrichment Workshops

Windsor Christian Church
Windsor, Virginia

Ebenezer UCC
Burlington, North Carolina

Wills Clinics

Pilgrim UCC
Durham, North Carolina

Beverly Hills UCC
Burlington, North Carolina

To Our Churches

The Mother's Day season is the time for our annual appeal for your support. Many churches have the Home in their budgets or plan special Mother's Day or Thanksgiving offerings. Some do both. We pray that all of our churches and our friends in the churches will give generously, using the method most convenient to them. The need is very great.

Ellington Congregational UCC, Connecticut



John Graves Reminds Us Of Our Mission

Remember John Graves - minister, chaplain, and professor at Elon College, and Director of Christian Education and Youth Work among our churches? His is a voice from the past that we need to hear.

"The Christian Church throughout her colorful history," he once wrote, "found it difficult to lift the vision of the Gospel to God's children in need, yet they are entitled to belong to the community of the redeemed. These children found themselves plunged into a chaotic world with no basic provision of love and security."

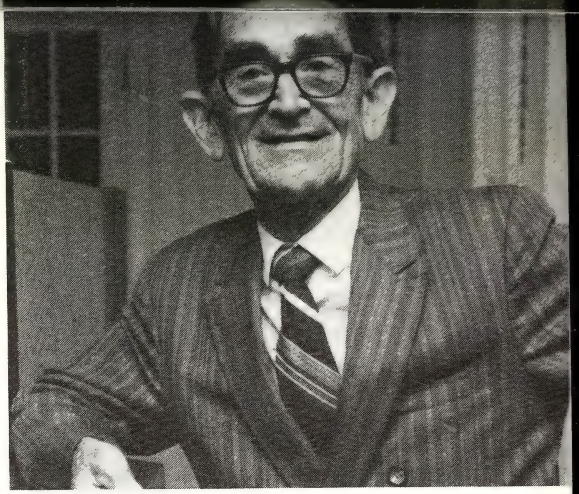
John Graves saw that the Church had established "as a mighty act of God" homes like Elon which bring hope, loving care, and direction to those who have been rejected and know only aimless wandering.

He observed that "To live in a community in which an arm of the church (Elon Home for Children) exists is a thrilling and exciting experience. To see lives that were torn assunder become lives made whole by the creative love of God is indeed a miracle.

"I have witnessed the young arrive at Elon Home shy, retiring, frightened, and weighed down by problems too difficult to face. In these same lives I have seen the growing conviction that they are loved, wanted, and belong.

"It is difficult for me to see the Home for Children as a physical plant. The Home is the work of Almighty God seeking to reconcile all people unto Himself . . . a vivid witness to the mission and message of Jesus Christ in our world.

"We of the Elon College Community are warmed by the great work of reconciliation taking place among the members of the Elon Home for Children family here in our midst. We see light shining where there has been darkness; love where there has been despair; industry where there has been aimless groping; joy where there has been despair; and dedication of life to Christ where else there would have been destruction."



John Graves

This devoted voice from the past reminds us that we do not just have a job. We have a mission - a mission to those whom Christ called "the least of these."

—Dr. William J. Andes
Church Development Associate
Elon Homes for Children

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 83 Psalm 65 p. 525

Anthem "Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants" Martin How

A Message from Elon Homes for Children Dr. Wally Snyder

Prayer John Irvine

A Time with Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Nun Bitten Wir" Dietrich Buxtehude

*Doxoloty

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scrioture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon "The Stewardship of Unrighteous Mammon" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

Benediction

Choral Response "Day by Day, Dear Lord" Harold W. Friedell

Postlude "Toccata in A Minor" Jan Pieter Sweelinck

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 1987
Amos 5:24

As a young girl I stood once below a dam after torrential rains. The water was more powerful than anything I had ever seen. But up above, the swollen stream was placid, simply higher than usual. It was all a matter of perspective. When God's justice rolls down, where will you be: on the high road, or the low? With the current or against it? The rolling waters of God's justice break upon us every day as we make the choices of life. May we welcome them as surely as the waters of baptism!

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

For generations, the word "stewardship" has usually meant one thing: money. Stewardship Sunday has often perpetuated that narrow definition. The financial support of the church, however, is only a small part of stewardship. Indeed, if the purpose of stewardship were no more than raising money for the church's ministry, most of what is carried on in its name would be counterproductive.

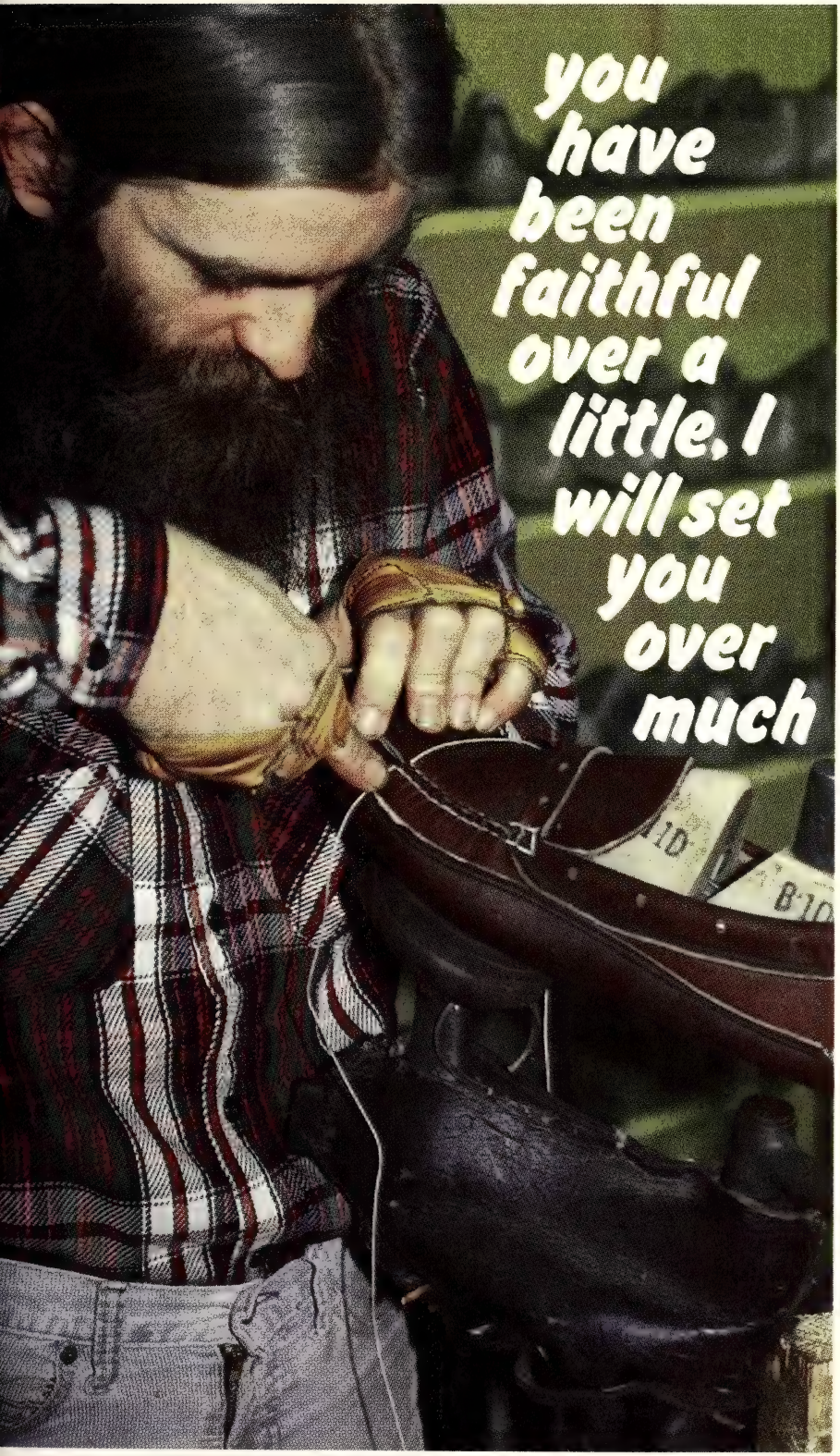
Stewardship is the Christian's total response to God's love. To be a steward is every Christian's vocation. The summons to faithful stewardship calls us to use all of God's gifts in harmony with the Kingdom. To be sure, among those gifts is money.

As part of a continuing life of faith, stewardship is not an impulsive gesture, but a sustaining commitment. As David Polk of Brite Divinity School says: "the steady rain, not the flash flood, soaks into the soil and provides for growth."

Moreover, church support that is generated by gimmicks may bring in the "bucks," but it misses the point. In other words, stewardship that targets the gift rather than the giver ignores the most fundamental of all truths of church support: the need of each Christian to give is more basic than the need of the church to receive.

As you prepare your pledge for the coming year, let it be an expression of your commitment to the Gospel.

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November 15, 1987 11:0(

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Communion Meditation on
"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" Leo Sc

Choral Call to Worship "Sanctus" Richard F

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are a people of splintered directions. We t
of work, but we do not know how to play. We seek justic
but we are uncertain how to reconcile. We desire to be
loved, but we are slow to care. Forgive our double-minc
ness.

O God, we are a people with mixed loyalties. We are
persons of faith, but we hold back our commitment. We gi
ourselves to the servant role, but we refuse to expend
ourselves on behalf of others. We love freedom, but we
enslave ourselves to lesser gods. Forgive our confused
priorities.

O God, we are a people who gather to give thanks. Our
praise is tempered with our self-concerns, and our joy i
lessened by our boredom. We confess that we are less th
the potential you have put within us. Forgive us, renew
and strengthen us, that we may become more truly faithfu
disciples of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Nursery Today: Betty Blanchard
Nursery next Sunday: Sue Brown

Children's Church Today: Pam and Rick Kiser
Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov. 15 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:30 p.m.	Celebration Dessert Cornerstone-Pony Express Campaign
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
Mon.,	Nov. 16 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Tues.,	Nov. 17 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
Wed.,	Nov. 18 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.,	Nov. 20 -	9:00 p.m.	Youth - Lock-In

COMMUNION LITURGY J

HE INVITATION

L. Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, that person will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the Word is my flesh."

P. In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

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L. God be with you.

P. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts!

P. We lift them up to God!

L. Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

P. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

E GREAT THANKSGIVING

L. God our Creator, we thank you that you reached out to your sons and daughters in love, and, with patience, wait for us to break the chains of selfishness and respond to your love. We lift our hearts and acknowledge that you are always with us, closer to us than we are to ourselves. You have made us; you stand with us both in suffering and joy, and we know that you are the God of peace. And so, we praise your glory with the words which your prophet Isaiah spoke for your people Israel:

P. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

L. You have indeed made us sisters and brothers through Christ, in order to share a common ministry in the midst of the world, and a common joy and union with you in the time which you have appointed. We know that you have called us to mutual discipleship and do, in fact, stand with us. For you sent your son, Jesus, who became human and shared our life, so that we might share his holy life with you. May we always keep in mind the way he lived and died in our midst--for of his own free will he gave it all up and took the nature of a servant; he was humble and walked the path of obedience to death, his death on the cross.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L. On the night before he died, while he was eating with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, and eat. This is my Body, broken for you." When the feast had ended, he took the cup, again giving thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, and drink. This is my Blood, the new and eternal covenant which is poured out for you and for all persons so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

THE ANAMNESIS

P. Obeying the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, recalling Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension, and we wait with eager expectation for Christ's coming again at the end of the age.

THE EPICLESIS

L. Send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that this bread and wine may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be made more perfectly your servants, empowered to proclaim your salvation before all humankind, and that we may be made more surely a people striving toward the fulfillment of the Realm of Jesus Christ our Savior.

THE OBLATION

P. Here we offer ourselves in obedience to you, through the perfect offering of your Son, Jesus Christ, giving you thanks that you have called us to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, your own people. And to you, Almighty God, as to Christ and the Holy Spirit, we give blessing and honor, glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God our Creator, we give you thanks for this feast which feeds our bodies, minds and spirits. May we be strengthened and renewed for service as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Thee We Adore" T. Frederick H. Candlyn

The Statement of Faith back of hymnal

Prayer

A Time with Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Elevation for Communion" G. Frescobaldi

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:6-13

Meditation "The Generous Gesture"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy J

*Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*Benediction

*Choram Response "As You Have Promised, Lord" Ron Nelson

*Postlude "Fugue on the Kyrie" Francois Couperin

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 1987

Matthew 25:21

In God's grand design, we are responsible to use our gifts. Christ has blessed us each uniquely with measures of faith and talent, with personalities and possibilities. Like the servants entrusted with the master's coins, we can respond with adventurous creativity and receive the reward of joy, or we can respond in fear and receive more fear. The stewardship of our gifts is the challenge of faith. And at the end, we hear, "You have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much."

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
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MARY ELY LYMAN (1887-1975)

November 24 marks the centennial of the birth of Mary Ely Lyman, a theologian in our predecessor Congregational Church. Her life, and the example she set, are worthy of celebration.

Born into a "conservatively Puritan" Vermont household, Mary Ely graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1911. Five years later, she enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in New York. There she was the ranking scholar—and the only woman—in her class. Yet, at commencement, she was segregated from her classmates and required to sit in the balcony with the faculty wives. Things were no better for her at Cambridge. The British university would neither grant a theological degree nor issue a transcript to a woman.

In 1924, Mary Ely earned her doctorate at the University of Chicago. Two years later, she married Eugene W. Lyman, Professor of the Philosophy of Religion at Union, where they were able to be colleagues until his retirement in 1940. In 1949, Mary Lyman was ordained a Congregational minister, and a year later was named Morris K. Jessup Professor of Bible, the first woman to hold a faculty chair at Union.

Despite her many academic honors, in her writing Mary Lyman always sought to bring her knowledge of scripture "into direct relation to the life being lived today."

Mary Ely Lyman died at Pilgrim Place, in Claremont, California, at the age of eighty-eight.

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Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

November 22, 1987 11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Georg Kaufi

Choral Call to Worship "Not Alone for Mighty Empire"
George Henry

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 461 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Litany of Confession

L. For our failure to appreciate fully the gift of your love in Christ,
P. Forgive us, we pray.
L. For our envy of those who possess things which we lac
P. Forgive us, we pray.
L. For our tendency to take for granted the gift of health,
P. Forgive us, we pray.
L. For our grasping greed, which clings to money and yearns for more,
P. Forgive us, we pray.
L. For our lack of courtesy towards those who are nearest to us,
P. Forgive us, we pray.

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THE FALL FOLIAGE ARRANGEMENT on the Altar is given by Jim and Jane Moncure in appreciation of their friends of Elon College Community Church.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to a student fellowship supper this evening in the Parish House at 6 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club of Burlington is sponsoring a Community Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, November 25, 1987 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, 400 S. Broad Street, Burlington. Dutch Buffet Breakfast $3.00.

Nursery Today: Sue Brown
Nursery next Sunday: Verona Danieley

Children's Church Today: Beth Lyon
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov. 22 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 p.m.	Church Council
		4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		6:00 p.m.	Student Fellowship Dinner
Mon.,	Nov. 23 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Nov. 24 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov. 25 -	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service

L. For our reluctance to give generous help and for our picky rationalizations,
P. Forgive us, we pray.
L. Grant us your continued patience,
P. And forgive us all our sinfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" Alan Ridou

Responsive Reading 99 Psalm 107 p. 5

Prayer

A Time with Children Beth Ly

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Shout to Jehovah" Ainsworth Book of Psal arranged by Katherine Dav

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during th last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-20, John 20:30-31, Hebrews 4:12-13

Sermon "Dear Bible / Dear Reader"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 252 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Benediction

Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" S. Karg-Eler

*The Congregation may stand at these points.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 22, 1987
Matthew 25:35

Thanksgiving—the day when the table itself groans with the bounty of food, in anticipation of later human groans. Surely we deserve one day of self-indulgence! But what is Jesus' word? Did he really say that our feeding the hungry is what separates the sheep from the goats in God's dominion? Perhaps it is time that as a nation we asked ourselves what feasting has to do with giving thanks. Feasting has more to do with famine than with thanks. Thank God instead by the joy of giving food!

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree
Colchester Federated Church
Colchester, Connecticut

THANKSGIVING OFFER

Because money was scarce in the colonies—especially at the beginning—the Pilgrims, unlike you and me, made their offerings in kind. In light of that, the First Thanksgiving takes on another meaning. The ingathering of nature's bounty on that occassion represented an offering, not just a feast. Our forebears gave thanks with the food, not just for the food.

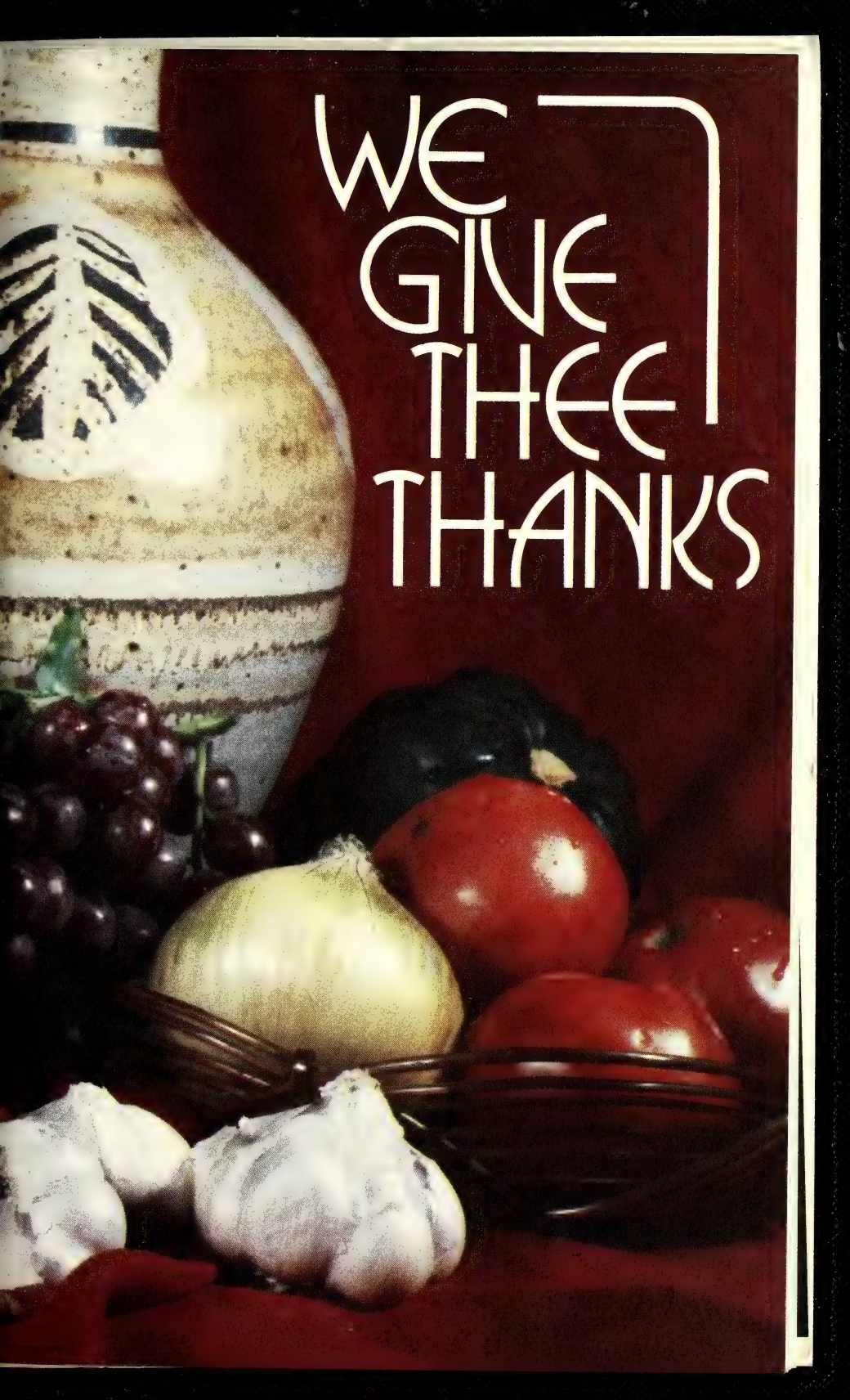
Today, money has replaced goods as our medium of exchange. And something has been lost in the transition. We do not feel or express the same sense of gratitude to God for money that our ancestors did for food.

After all, food came from the earth—which was God's creation. But we see little organic relationship between money and creation. Thus, in giving our offering in money, we lose the sense that we are returning to God a part of what is God's. Instead, we tend to think of our giving as paying membership dues to the church.

We need to listen once more to words, written by Frank von Christierson, from a Thanksgiving hymn:

"So we today first fruits would bring, The wealth of this good land,
"Of farm and market, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand . . .
"In gratitude and humble trust, We bring our best to thee,
"To serve thy cause and share thy love, With all humanity."

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ANNUAL UNION THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 25, 1987 — 7:00 p.m.

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" George Kaufman
Miss Nancy Thomas, Organist

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome — The Rev. John M. Irvine, Jr.
Pastor, Elon College Community Church

Responsive Prayer of Praise

L. Blessed are you, Almighty God, Ruler of the universe,
P. For in your wisdom you have formed us.
L. You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.
P. We bless you and praise your name forever.
L. You set free those who are bound.
P. We bless you and praise your name forever.
L. You raise up those whose courage falters.
P. We bless you and praise your name forever.
L. You provide for our every need.
P. Accept our grateful praise.
L. Blessed are you, Almighty God, Ruler of the universe,
P. For in your wisdom you have formed us. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

The President's Proclamation — The Rev. Norman Harris
Pastor, Elon College First Baptist Church

Responsive Reading 83 Psalm 65 p. 525

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19, Psalm 100:1-5

Meditation "Thanks be Unto God" Norman Harris

Hymn 464 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Prayer of Thanksgiving		John Irvine
Offering		Ray Covington
Offertory	"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"	Healey Willan
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Thanksgiving Testimonies		
Hymn 461	"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	
Benediction		Norman Harris
Postlude	"Now Thank We All Our God"	Max Reger


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and Liturgist today
Katie Brown and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

November 29, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Meditation on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silenc"
Leo Soweb

Choral Call to Worship "Advent Message" Martin b

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. In the desert of life, prepare a pathway for God.
P. In the wilderness, make a highway for our God.
L. Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
P. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed among u.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 107 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession

L. John the Baptist called people to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of God's reign. Let us, too, repent, that we may be ready for God who comes to us.

All: Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, whose salvation is never far from the contrite heart, hear our confession of sin and have mercy on us. For our many refusals of your call; for all our forgotten vows; for the excuses we have fashioned

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		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	Nov. 30 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Dec. 1 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Dec. 2 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Dec. 3 -	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity
Fri.,	Dec. 4 -	LOCK-IN for College Students	

to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives; for our readiness to blame others; for our selfish luxuries and the oppression and sorrow of our fellow human beings; for the pleadings of your Spirit to which we have not hearkened, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ime for Reflection and Prayer

ssurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "Sweet Is Thy Mercy" Jospeh Barnby

nison Reading 115 Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 541

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Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Paul Manz

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ayer of Dedication

mn 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination

ripture Reading: Mark 13:32-37

rmon "Watchful Waiting"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

ediction

ral Response "As You Have Promised, Lord" Ron Nelson

tlude Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come" Paul Manz

The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 1987
I Corinthians 1:9

WAITING

Did you know that you are always *waiting* for something?
You are! At this moment it may be
a vacation or reunion, graduation or retirement,
the birth of a child, or your next paycheck.
Waiting is the most human thing we do!

The Bible, too, is filled with images of waiting—
for the dawn, for the harvest, for healing,
for liberation from Egypt, return from Babylon,
for the righteous king, the son of David, the Messiah.
Waiting for The Child who is all of these.

The season of Advent is about waiting.
It entered the Christian year in the sixth century,
when the Day of the Lord seemed long delayed.
Christians began to understand that they
would have a lot of waiting to do.
They invented Advent to help them do it.

And help it does! The Advent faith reminds us
that our hope is grounded in the faithfulness of God!
However long the night, darkness does give way to dawn.
Seeds sprout and ripen toward the harvest.
Slavery ends, the exiles go home again.
The time is accomplished and the Christ *does* come.

God is faithful. How quickly we forget!
Yet in the season that begins today, walking
with Isaiah, John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Mary,
we learn once more to trust God.
Our waiting too, is touched with holiness.

For every waiting is an Advent when we wait in trust
for the purposes of God to be fulfilled in us.
Every Advent lived in faith brings a Second Coming—
a new birth of the Christ who joins our humanness
To the faithfulness of God.

Rev. Paul Flucke
University Congregational UCC
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December 6, 1987 11:00 a

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Johannes Bra

Choral Call to Worship "Advent Message" Martin

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Confession

L. We are created by God, to live as creatures under God in loving fellowship with God, obeying God's will.

P. But we rebel: we don't want to be children of God, we want to live on our own terms. We want to do it our way, not God's way.

L. Here is the whole garden for us to till and keep. It's all ours, except for the fruit of one tree--that fruit is God's alone.

P. Then that's the very best fruit of all, and we will have it for ourselves.

L. Our taking it will break God's heart--and ours too.

P. Nevertheless, not God's will, but ours, be done. We will have that fruit!

L. That's the way we are, folks. That's how it is with us. So we find ourselves in a permanent kind of exil estranged from the creation, from God, from each othe and from ourselves. Out of kilter with the way things ought to be. Out of paradise.

P. We thought how our work would produce all we needed but our fruit comes laced with thorns and thistles. A dark underside haunts all our achievements.

L. We thought we'd know enough to bend God to our will, but God constantly eludes us.

P. The opposite sex? You can't live with them, and you can't live without them. Brother murders brother. Nations go to war. Genocides occur.

. Wretched persons that we are! Split personalities,
estranged, alienated, rebellious--
O who will deliver us from this body of death?

ords of Hope

mn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"

cripture Reading Isaiah 41:17-20

IE HANGING OF THE GREENS

ne Placing of the Greens

ne Christmas Tree

e Jesse Tree

e Holly

e Mistletoe

mn 116 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

e Creche

e Bells

e Candles

e Advent Wreath

e Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

mn 117, Stanzas 1, 2, 3
ngels, From the Realms of Glory"

e Star

e Offering

fertory Anthem "Sweet Is Thy Mercy" Joseph Barnby

sponsive Prayer of Dedication
We bring our treasures and our gifts;
and some of it is gold,
and some of it is frankincense,
and some is myrrh.
For some has come from plenty, some from joy,
and some from deepest sorrow of the soul.
But thou, O God, dost know the gift is love.
Our pledge of peace, our promise of good will.
Accept the gift and all the life we bring. Amen.

Conclusion

*Hymn 117, stanza 4

Benediction

(Members of the congregation are invited to remain for the congregational meeting after the worship service.)

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THE CHRISTMAS WREATHS on the front doors are given by Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell III and Miss Caroline E. Powell.

There will be a meeting of the WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the library.

Nursery today: Vera Dixon
Nursery next Sunday: Pam Kiser

Children's Church today: Janet or Mike Mayse
Children's Church next Sunday: George or Carole Troxler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 6 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Movarian Lovefeast
Tues., Dec. 8 -	12:00 p.m.	Fun Club at Western Middle School
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Dec. 9 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sat., Dec.12 -	12:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship General Meeting

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 1987

Isaiah 40:10

God's might does not consist of armies, airplanes, and hydrogen bombs. God's might is that of a shepherd who feeds his flock, gathers the lambs in his arms, and gently leads those with young. Even so Jesus Christ comes into our world in this season, that the Glory of the Lord may again be revealed among us. "I am the good shepherd," he cries in the moral wilderness of these times. "I know my own and my own know me,...and I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

CHRISTIAN CARE AND SCIENTIFIC COMPETENCE

On the subject of genetic engineering, Dr. Roger L. Shinn, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics Emeritus at Union Theological Seminary, stated recently: "The churches know that this is no issue for moral dogmas without scientific competence."

The same could have been said about any of the major issues that have arisen over the years in the provision of health care and human services by institutions related to the United Church of Christ.

The motivation for establishing and maintaining these institutions has always been grounded in biblical faith; and the service they provided has always reflected the best traditions of professional competence in their fields. That assertion applies equally to the institutions providing services to children and youth, older adults, and developmentally disabled persons; to neighborhood and community centers; to institutions providing specialized housing; and to hospitals and health centers.

On Health and Welfare Sunday, we celebrate the health and human service institutions related to the United Church of Christ. Over two hundred strong, they serve more than half a million people in need each year.

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Ryan Harris and Travis Loy, Acolytes today

December 13, 1987 11:00 a.

Prelude "Trio and Fugue: 'From Heaven on High I Come to You'" Johann Pachel

Processional "Advent Message" Martin

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. We come to Christmas like the shepherds,
awestruck by its wonder.
P. We come like the wise men,
eager to bring our gifts.
L. We come as the inn-keeper,
with lives too busy to make room.
All: Take us where we are, God, busy, yet eager, and always astonished. Then bring us to the same blessed assurance that filled the stable on that radiant night, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MEDITATION ON CHRIST'S NATIVITY

I. THE ANNUNICIATION

Scripture Sentences: Isaiah 45:8; Exodus 16:7;
Psalm 85:10,11

The Mystery in Music:
"Es ist ein' ros'" (Lo. How a Rose) Johann Nepomuk Dav

Unison Prayer:
Mighty God, pour your grace into our hearts. As at the message of an angel, Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, and became the mother of our Lord and the most

lessed among women, so may we, believing your word,
eceive Christ to dwell in our hearts, and by our life
ake manifest the mystery of his incarnation; who is God
ith us, Emmanuel our Lord. Amen.

oem "O Simplicitas" Madeleine L'Engel

ymn 131 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

oem "The Rose" G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

II. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

cripture Sentences: Psalm 2:7; I Chronicles 16:31

nison Prayer:
Gracious God, who has declared your love to humanity by
ne birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem: help us to
elcome him with gladness, and to make room for him in our
ommon days; so that we may live at peace with one another
nd in good will with all your family, through Jesus Christ
ur Elder Brother. Amen.

nthem "Jesus, Born in Bethlea" Children's Choir
(Folk Song from Virginia, arr. Rosemary Jacques)

mn 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

oem "The Nativity of Christ" Robert Southwell

nthem "Sussex Carol" arr. Dale Wood

em "The Nativity" C. S. Lewis

III. THE DESTINY OF THE INFANT JESUS

ripture Sentences: Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14,16;
Luke 2:34-35

ison Prayer:
O God, who has taught us that in your mysterious
ovidence crowns are reached by way of crosses, power is
de perfect in weakness, suffering is the prelude to
ory and the entrance to your heavenly kingdom is through
ch tribulation: may we learn from the Christ you have
nt the glorious liberty of your children. In his name,
en.

mn 122 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

Poem "The Guest" Anonymous

Anthem "Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child" Robert Wetzler

Poem "At the Manger Mary Sings" W. H. Auden

IV. THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST

Scripture Sentences: Isaiah 60:1, Matthew 2:2

Unison Prayer:
O God, passionate in concern for all your children: we pray you will speed forth through us and through your servants everywhere these good tidings of great joy to every nation, that those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may see the great light and may come, with us, to worship the One whose name is called Wonderful, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 140 "What Child Is This"

A Time With Children The Rev. Beth Lyon

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Anthem "Zumba Zumba" Children's Choir
(Spanish Folk Song, arranged by Francis Girard, translated by Margaret Marks)

Poem "Three Wise Kings" William E. Brooks

Offering

Offertory Anthem "What Is This Lovely Fragrance"
(translated from the French by Ysobel Healey Willan

*Hymn 119, stanza 3 "As They Offered Gifts Most Rare"

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" J. S. Bach

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THE 1988 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex. Please pick your's up as you leave church this morning.

Articles for the "Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

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Children's Church today: George or Carole Troxler
Children's Church next Sunday: Ann or R.J. Acquilano

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 13 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Fellowship Program Jesse Tree decorations
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Tues., Dec. 15 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Dec. 16 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Does God wish burnt offerings, thousands of rivers of oil, the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our souls? Is God most pleased with glorious cathedrals, majestic liturgies, thousand-voice choirs, or multi-million viewer television crusades? Above and before anything God loves justice. Which is why God sent Jesus not to promote a religious institution but rather God's justice so that the blind might receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers be cleansed, the dead be raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them (Matthew 11:4-5).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

ACCOUNTABILITY

Ancient and modern, psalmist and psychiatrist—all agree that time passes too quickly; incidents pile up on one another. Even with television, the word cannot quite keep pace with the event.

Yet some among us are so mesmerized by the minute that they want instant responses—even from the church. "We want answers—facts and figures; explanations and justifications—now!"

The evening news can indeed bring us what happened in Africa and the Middle East today. For news of our extended church family, however, we must rely on letters that take weeks, newspapers that appear monthly, and other resources produced semi-annually or less frequently.

That is as it should be. Our Christian covenant was forged before the wireless by people determined to maintain their commitments. It was never intended for daily, or monthly, review.

In this era of instant communications, perhaps our missionaries to a far-flung world offer a living model of that covenant. Accountable on a daily basis only to themselves and God, they labor patiently for God's kingdom without fear or need of instant evaluation.

The story of God's mission is normally neither fast-breaking nor ever-changing. Christ's church is accountable to the age, not to the minute.

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Shannon Albertson, Acolyte today

December 20, 1987 11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Two settings on the hymn "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" J.S. Bach, Marcel Du

Introit "Advent Message" Martin

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of thos who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion
P. Your God reigns!
L. God comes in the power of love and justice; therefore let us wait with eagerness, and worship with joy.
P. God comes to judge the world with righteousness, the people with truth.
All: Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it. Shout for joy, all the earth!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love. We admit,

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

PROGRAM



December 13 - 6:30

Parish House

FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 13, 1987
6:30 P.M.

1. Apple Eve and Adam
(Genesis 2:14-17; Genesis 3:1-13)
An apple has been a symbol of humanity's rejection of God's love, and also the sin (happy fault) which caused our need for a redeemer.

2. Noah's Ark
(Genesis 6:9-12; 7:8)
Noah saved the lives of some of his family and all creatures in his ark. The ark is symbolic of Christ' Church in which our spiritual lives are directed and saved. Noah was savior of his people, Christ is Savior of the world.

3. Abraham
(Genesis 12:1-8)
The Jesse Tree symbol for Abraham is the tent and the camel. Abraham and his family were called by God to move to a new land. They lived in tents while traveling and waiting for the land which God promised

4. Isaac Lamb
(Benesis 22:1-14)
Abraham loved God, but he also loved Isaac. Did he love God enough to give up his son? The New Testamer answers this question by turning it around. God loved us enough to give us Jesus.

5. Jacob's Ladder
(Genesis 28:10-15)
In Jacob's dreams, he envisioned a ladder reaching between earth and heaven, with angels on it ascending and descending. Christ, the Savior, is the ladder once again uniting earth with heaven.

6. Joseph's Coat
(Genesis 37)
Joseph's coat, a symbol of royalty, is also expressive of a father's love, causing rejection by his brothers to the point of their selling him for 20 pieces of silver. Joseph prefigures Christ, loved by his Father, rejected by his followers, and sold by one of them for 30 pieces of silver.

7. Burning Bush
(Exodus 3:1-10)
Moses experienced the presence of God in a burning bush. That bush, which burned and yet was not consumed, symbolized the virgin-birth of Jesus.

8. Tablets of the law
(Exodus 2 & 3:20:1-17)
On Mt. Sinai, God shared the Tablets of the Law with Moses. These Old Testament Laws given to Moses find their fulfillment in Christ's New Testament Law of love.

9. Pillar of Fire
(Exodus 13:21-22)
During their wanderings in the desert, the Lord led the Israelites with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Christ our new light, our Easter fire, leads us through our desert of life.

10. Manna
(Exodus 16:1-15)
While the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert, they were given food from heaven in the form of manna. Christ is our spiritual food, the bread come down to us from heaven and present to us in a special way.

11. Ruth and Boaz
(Ruth 2:1-12)
The Jesse Tree symbol for Ruth and Boaz is grain. It recalls that Ruth was a gleaner in the fields of Boaz, which became the scene of their romance. Their union led to the formation of the family that was to produce Christ. Jesse, grandson of Ruth was the father of David.

12. Root of Jesse
(I Samuel 16; I Kings 2:1-9)
Isaiah had prophesied that the Savior would be born from the family of Jesse, and that he would sit on the throne of David. Christ, fulfilling that prophec is symbolized here as a flower coming forth from the Root of Jesse.

13. Star of David
(Revelation 22:16; Numbers 24:17; Matthew 2:2)
To this day the six pointed star is the emblem of th Royal House of David. Christ, born into the House o David, makes this emblem his own.

14. Temple
(I Kings 8; John 2:13-22)
In Old Testament times the Temple was God's special dwelling place for the Israelites. In New Testament times, God's dwelling is still among and within us, and in a special way in Christ's dwelling in the Church.

15. Elijah
(I Kings 16:29-17:9)
The Jesse Tree symbol for Elijah is the raven. Elij was fed by ravens who carried bits of bread and meat to him when he was hiding from evil King Ahab. In the time of Jesus it was believed that Elijah had come in the person of John the Baptist to announce the coming of Jesus.

16. Jonah in the Whale
(Jonah chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4)
Jonah, in his disobedience to God's command, remaine for three days in the belly of the whale. Christ, i obedience to his Father's will, remained for 3 days in the tomb, after his death.

17. Bethlehem
(Micah 5:1-4)
Bethlehem means "House of Bread." It was at Bethlehem that Christ was born, in fulfillment of Micah's prophecy (which was made 700 years before th birth of Christ). "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel."

18. Zechariah and Elizabeth
(Luke Chapter 1, Luke 1:8-14)
The Jesse Tree symbol for Zechariah and Elizabeth is the priestly altar. Zechariah, a priest, and his wife, Elizabeth were long past child bearing age but were informed by the Archangel Gabriel that they would have a son.

The angel also appeared to Elizabeth's cousin, Mary, to announce the coming birth of Jesus and to reveal the news of Elizabeth's son. Mary immediately went off to visit Elizabeth at her home in the hill country near Jerusalem. As Elizabeth saw Mary she exclaimed, "What an honor this is, that the Mother of my Lord should visit me!" Thus was Elizabeth the first mortal to call Mary the Mother of the Savior.

Elizabeth named her son John, as the angel had instructed; and Zechariah prophesied that the boy would "go before the Lord to prepare his way."

19. Joseph Tools
(Matthew 1:18-25)
The Jesse Tree Symbol for Joseph is carpenter's tools. A carpenter by profession, Joseph was living in Galilee when he became engaged to Mary.

20. Mary
The lily is the Jesse Tree Symbol for Mary.
Luke 1:26-27 - Scripture reference.
Mary is the mother of Jesus. Through her faith and obedience Jesus was born.

21. Sun Jesus
(Genesis 1:1-19; John 8:12-20)
Just as the sun is nature's source of light and life, so is Christ the source of our eternal light and life. Christ, the son of God, is symbolized as the rising sun who brings light, warmth, and eternal life to a fallen world of darkness.

ALL (Psalm):
Sing a new song to the Lord, and bless his name!
Day after day, tell others the good news about how he cares for us. Let everybody everywhere know how glorious he is and the wonderful things he does. Be glad, earth and sky! Be happy, seas and plains. All the trees in the woods will shout for joy because the Lord is coming to rule the earth. He will rule the world and all its people with justice and fairness.
-adapted from Psalm 96

LEADER (Reading):
This is what God says: "I will take a tender sprout from the top of a tall cedar tree and plant it on the highest mountain in all of Israel. It will grow branches and bear seed and become a magnificent cedar. Birds of every kind will live there and find shelter in its shade. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do what I've said I will do!"
-adapted from Ezekiel 17:22-24

ALL: Thanks be to God.

LEADER (Prayer):
Let us pray.
Our Father, you are God for all time. You sent your son Jesus to be planted like a tree of life in your Church and be born of Mary. We ask you to bless this Jesse Tree so that it may bring peace and hope to all who see it.

HISTORY OF THE JESSE TREE

The Advent activity called The Jesse Tree takes its name from Jesse, a shepherd from Bethlehem, who lived about a thousand years before Jesus. It all started when God's prophet Samuel went to Bethlehem to choose and bless one of Jesse's sons and tell him he would establish a royal family. Samuel wasn't sure which of Jesse's sons was supposed to be chosen and blessed. He knew that God would tell him what to do.

When Samuel saw seven of Jesse's tall, strong-looking sons, he was sure that God would want him to choose one of them. But God told Samuel, "God doesn't see in the same way that people do; people look at appearances, but Yahweh looks at hearts."

Although Jesse showed Samuel seven of his sons, God told Samuel to ask Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse was surprised at Samuel's request but admitted that his youngest son, David, was out in the pasture taking care of the sheep. When David came in from the pasture, God told Samuel, "This is the one." The biblical story goes on to say, "Samuel chose David right there in front of his brothers; and the spirit of God came to David and stayed with him from that day on." (adapted from I Samuel 16:1-13).

During Advent, people make Jesse Trees both to remember this story of David and also to remember all the important family stories which are part of Jesus' heritage. The Jesse Tree is something like a family tree.

Each person on the Jesse Tree had a special place and job at a particular time. Some were born thousands of years before Jesus; others were born shortly before his birth. Each was important during his or her own lifetime; each prepared for Jesus in a unique way. The Jesse Tree activity helps us to remember during Advent that each person's way of living adds something special to Jesus' coming.

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Nursery today: Nancy Martin
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Children's Church next Sunday: Julie or Jeff MacKenzie

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Dec. 20 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:00 p.m.	Caroling
Tues.,	Dec. 22 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thurs.,	Dec. 24 -	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service

that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn to you now in repentance and openness to your Spirit. Forgive us, and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ, and reveal your reign on earth. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading #126 Luke 1:46-55 p. 545

Anthem "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Gustav Holst

Prayer

A Time with Children and Lighting of the Advent Candles Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Paul Manz

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading II Samuel 7:1-17, Luke 1:26-38

Sermon "The House of Christmas" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 130 "Joy To The World! The Lord is Come"

Benediction

Choral Response "Of The Father's Love Begotten" 13th century

Postlude "Noel Suisse" Plainsong

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 1987
Luke 1:28

THE HOUSE OF DAVID

"I'll be home for Christmas..." It's not the best Christmas song ever written, but it reveals some deeply held values. The song, with its allusions to the warmth and beauty of homes decked out for Christmas, is a reminder of the close relationship between Christmas and the houses in which we live.

Our conviction that God is with us in very tangible ways and our concern for the homeless of the world encourage us to affirm and celebrate this relationship. Yet we should not forget the contrast with the first Christmas. The shepherds were not "nestled all snug in their beds." The wise men were not "roasting chestnuts by an open fire," unless it was a campfire on a lonely desert. The Christ-child was not born in his family's home in Nazareth, but in Bethlehem where there was no room in any house for the Holy Family.

Yet, in our attitude toward our homes, many of us are more like King David, who built himself a beautiful cedar house, encouraged by the prophet Nathan. Did it not symbolize a new era of peace and prosperity? Is not shelter a basic human need, and does not a beautiful home enhance the quality of life? "Go to it!" said Nathan. "God is with you."

But that night there was another word from God. Do not build David's house. Build the House of David! A fine house can be a blessing, but how easily a blessing becomes an idol. "God does not dwell in houses made by hands...." Build the House of David, symbolizing God's people, Israel. God is with you in the community of faith, the ongoing people of God.

Let's decorate our houses at Christmas! Let's enjoy the warmth and comfort of the season's sights and sounds and smells. But let's also remember that people are more important than things. Community, relationship, love are the meaning of Christmas. So build the church, for in the church that is the New Israel of God and thus of the House of David, "God is with you."

Stuart C. Haskins
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Heidi Troxler, Acolyte tonight

December 24, 1987 7:00 p

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Wilbur H
Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace and good will toward all.
P. For out of God's own being, Jesus has come
to bring love and light to all people.
L. Jesus is our Emmanuel--God With Us--
come to gather our tears and laughter,
our work and play into God's love.
All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace and good will toward all.

Invocation

*Hymn 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

How amazing is your love, great God! You are not distant from us in some faraway heaven; you have come close to us in a child born of simple parents and cradled in a borrowed bed of straw.

We confess we abuse this created world. When we stand by while the earth is despoiled and its destruction threatened, God, forgive. When we inflict physical or emotional pain on those with whom we share our lives, God, forgive. When we abuse or neglect our own bodies, God, forgive. By your great love, God, draw us into

new ways of living. Teach us to cherish and nurture life in this fragile world, in the manner of Jesus the Christ, whose birth we celebrate today. Amen.

A Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Unison Reading 127 The Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79) p. 545

*Hymn 125 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Prayer

Scripture Matthew 18:10, Revelation 19:17a

Story Sermon "Glory Eyes"

*Hymn 137 "Away in a Manger"

Offering

*Hymn 119, stanza 3

Prayer of Dedication

The Lighting of the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

The Spreading of the Light

Hymn 138 (seated) "Silent Night"

Responsive Benediction

L. Glory to God in the highest!
P. Jesus is born! God has come to us and shared our common lot, and so we rejoice!
L. Go forth rejoicing in the love of God,
the peace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.
P. Amen.

Postlude "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" Johann Walther

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*The congregation may stand at these points.

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December 27, 1987 11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Three Carols" Gordon Young
Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship
L. People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile and make new.
P. God has entered our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.
L. Therefore, we rejoice, praising God and singing:
All: Glory be to God in the highest,
on earth peace to those who will the good.
Christ is born. Alleluia!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 141 "The First Nowell"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession
God, you have come to us in Jesus, your true child, in whom you give us power to be your children. Yet we confess that we turn from your love, fearing the comfort and challenge of being your children. We are your own, yet we refuse you, clinging to the security of familiar ways rather than accepting the new life you offer. We tolerate hatred, violence, and injustice in the world you loved so

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Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith

ell that you sent the child Jesus, begotten from your
vn being.
We trust not in ourselves, but in your great compassion.
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ay again live as your children and once again praise you;
nrough the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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esponsive Reading 85 Psalm 72 p. 526

nthem "Long Ago in Bethlehem" from
Three Moravian Carols arranged by Phyllis Tate

rayer

Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Wilbur Held

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rayer of Dedication

ymn 143 "We Three Kings"
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading Luke 2:22-40

ermon "The Senior Generation Meets the Infant Christ"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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horal Response "As You Have Promised Lord" Ron Nelson

ostlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 1987

Luke 2:38

Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, was a prophet who believed she would see the consolation of Israel and the redemption of Jerusalem before she died. She was in the temple as the dedication service of Jesus began. The Holy Spirit came upon her. Pointing at the babe in the arms of Simeon, she offered a prayer of thanksgiving, perhaps remembering these words: "Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. . . and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isaiah 52:9-10).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

WHY DO THEY DO IT?

Anna May and Howard Towne, long-time teachers at the Dansalan College Foundation in the Philippines, were forced to flee for their lives when the conflict between Christians and Muslims there became violent.

Rev. Buck Jones, Minister of Metropolitan Mission in St. Louis, was the object of death threats when he campaigned to rid public housing projects of drug dealing.

Lou Ann Parsons continues to work for justice and reconciliation in South Africa, where her late husband, Jack, was detained by the government for his ministry.

Robert Porter maintains his educational ministry at Jaffna College in civil war-torn Sri Lanka.

Guy and Muffie Alling bring relief and healing in Afghan refugee camps along the dangerous Pakistan border.

While we rest, secure and comfortable in our pews this morning, these homeland and overseas missionaries endure sacrifice and hardship, sometimes even at risk to their lives, to share God's loving care with our partners in need

Why do they do it? Only they can say.

What can *we* do? Support them with our letters, our prayers, and our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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